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STORY

日常に不満を抱えていた
中学生の烏丸英司は、
交通事故を機に、体から翼が生えてしまう!!
"ブラックアウト"と呼ばれる、
突如訪れる謎の怪物に対抗するため、
飛ぶ練習を始める五人。
そんな中、母親との衝突から単独で怪物に
挑むことになった烏丸だったが、
なんとか撃破に成功する…!!
次なる試練は一体…

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BIRDMEN

WE WILL MEET AT THE SKY TERRACE! THE OBJECTIVE OF THESE ACTIVITIES IS TO IMPROVE OUR TEAMWORK, SO WE CAN OVERCOME ALL FUTURE TROUBLES!!

THEN, WE WILL MEET AT TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHT FROM 2AM TILL 4AM!! (SO THAT'S ACTUALLY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY AND SUNDAY!)

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YES!

I WILL BE THE PRESIDENT OF THE BIRD CLUB!

BY THE WAY, AS THE ORIGINAL PROPOS-ER

I WOULD LIKE KARA-SUMA-KUN TO BE THE VICE-PRESI-DENT...

ME!?

WAS SAGISAWA ALWAYS LIKE THIS...?

IN LINE WITH THIS...

I FEEL LIKE A SUB!?

WELL, YOU LOOK LIKE ONE.

IF ANYTHING, I'D SAY HE'S MORE LIKE A COUNSELOR?

NO, TAKAYAMA-KUN DOESN'T FEEL LIKE A SUB...

WHY DON'T YOU ASK TAKAYAMA!!

WHY ME!! I HATE THOSE KIND OF THINGS!

BY THE WAY, YOU'VE NEVER BEEN PART OF A CLUB, RIGHT EI-CHAN?

THE OTHERS ARE PRETTY MUCH FREE TO DO WHAT THEY WANT. I'LL BE THE ONE WHO HAS TO TAKE CARE OF ALL ANNOYING DUTIES...

I LOOK LIKE ONE, HE SAYS. IF I'M GRANTED A MANAGERIAL POSITION, I PROBABLY HAVE TO DO THE WORK THAT COMES WITH IS AS WELL...

IN THE END, I WAS FORCED TO BE THE VICE-PRESIDENT.

THEN...

IT'S FUN!

ニカ

FIRST MEETING OF THE BIRD CLUB

I'M LOOKING FOR STRATEGIC IDEAS FOR FUTURE ENCOUNTERS...

WHAT IT IS LIKE...?

A BLACK OUT, KARASUMA-KUN?

FIRST OF ALL, WHAT IS IT LIKE TO OVERCOME...

I SEE.

TO BE HONEST, I AM STILL NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO FACE IT DIRECTLY, SO I THINK I NEED TO TRAIN...

HOWEVER THERE'S NOTHING REALLY THAT I CAN'T DO.

I ALSO FOUND IT'S FAIRLY EASY TO STAY ALIVE...

SAYS THE BLOOD-STAINED FIGHTING-MANIAC!!

INTERNAL ORGANS CREEP ME OUT

PLEASE THINK OF A NICE MENU TAKAYAMA-KUN.

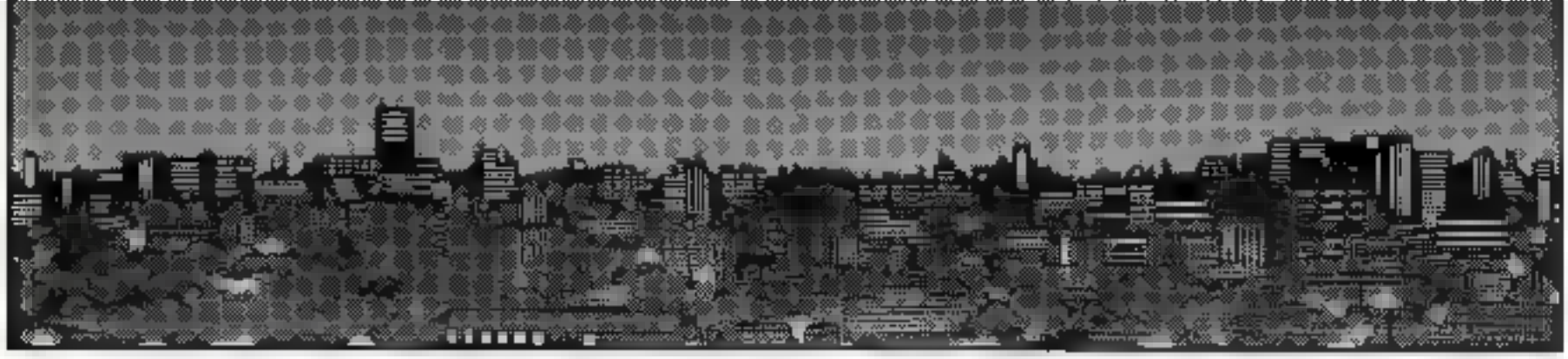
WELL, POINT IS WE NEED TO TRAIN

YOU REALLY DON'T THINK BEFORE YOU SPEAK, DO YOU!!?

I'M TELLING YOU, I WENT THROUGH SOME PRETTY NASTY STUFF!!

Would you like to see your own organs?

THAT'S GREAT! IF YOU CAN DO IT, WE CAN TOO!



AL-
RIGHT,
COME
AND GET
ME!!
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ぐるん
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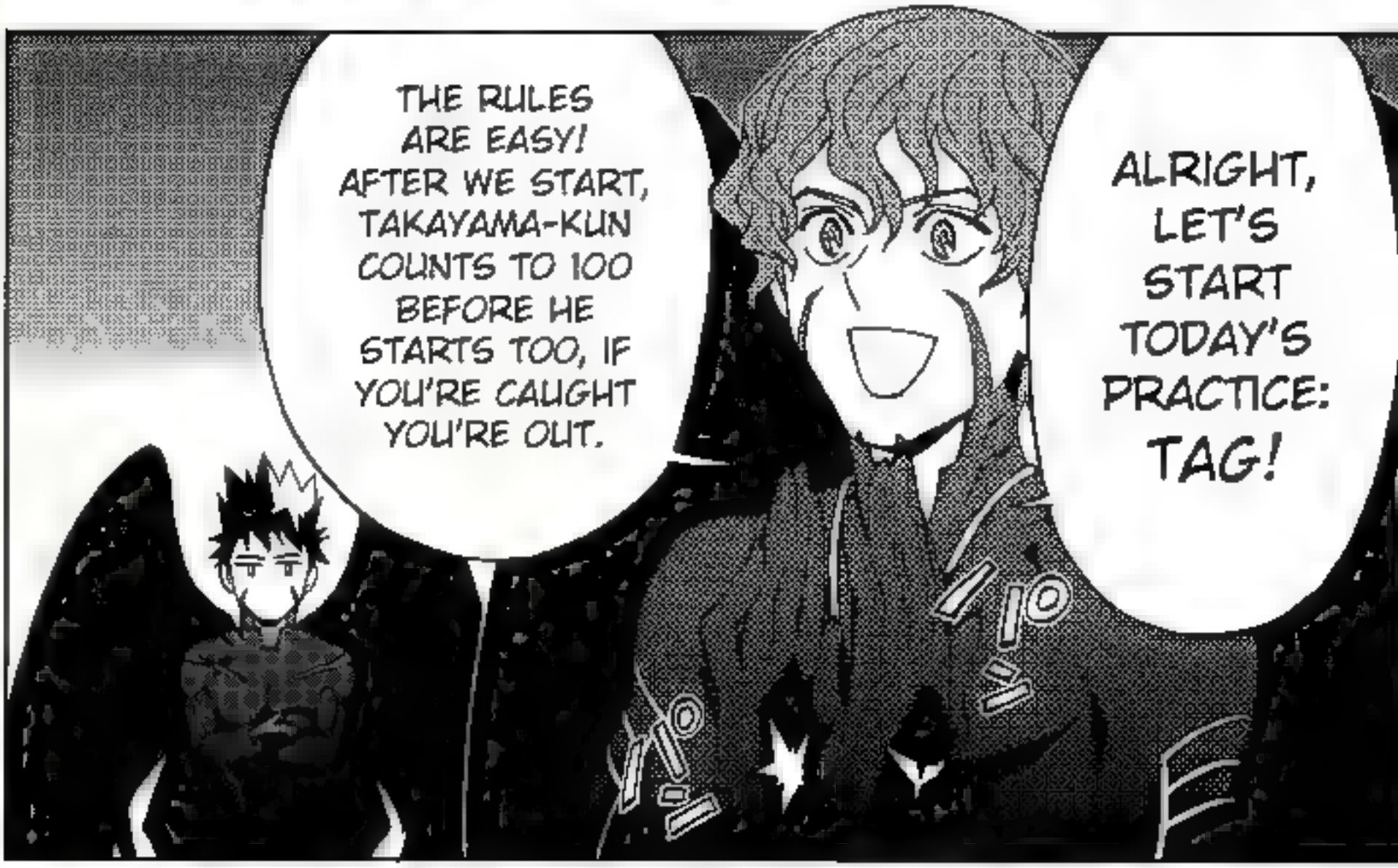
THE RULES
ARE EASY!
AFTER WE START,
TAKAYAMA-KUN
COUNTS TO 100
BEFORE HE
STARTS TOO, IF
YOU'RE CAUGHT
YOU'RE OUT.
ALRIGHT,
LET'S
START
TODAY'S
PRACTICE:
TAG!
10
10

ALSO,
MAKE
SURE NO
HUMAN
SEES YOU!
DO
EVERYTHING
YOU CAN TO
ESCAPE SO
YOU WON'T
RANK
LOWEST!!
JUST IN
CASE, TREAT
IT LIKE IT'S
A CONTEST.
GET YOUR
NAME RE-
CORDED IN
HISTORY!

AND I WOULD LIKE TO ASK OUR VICE-PRESIDENT KARASUMA-KUN TO KEEP THE RECORD.

THAT GUY... DOESN'T HE ACT MORE LIKE A MC THAN A CLUB PRESIDENT...?

GET READY...

HEY, YOU!!

I KNEW I'D GET THE ODD JOBS!!

GO!!

LISTEN TO ME!!!

YIKES !!

ONE ...

DAMN IT!!!

IF I JUST STAY CLOSE TO THE LIGHT, THE SHADOWS WILL BE DEEPER AND IT SHOULD BE HARD TO FIND ME...

I'M PRETTY FAR FROM THE TOWER MANSION.

I'M REALLY GOOD AT HIDE-AND-SEEK.

HE HE...

FROM. Rei

TO: Tsubame

TITLE: Birdmen capture information

Kamoda: 3 minutes
Sagisawa: 5 Minutes
We are caught...

We went back to the sky terrace.

SO FAST!!

A MES-SAGE FROM REI-KUN.

AH,

AH, THERE'S MORE...

WOW, KAMO-CHAN WAS THE FIRST TO BE CAUGHT!?

Takayama is really fast, watch out.

YOU CAN'T HIDE FROM ME.

I CAN SENSE ALL OF YOU.

EEK!

JUST ONE MORE.

GOT YA.

AH...

HUH !?

HE GOT ME .
AH, TSU-BAME!

YE .
YES.

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TAKAYAMA-KUN I'> REALLY (= x D, HUH?
EH?

HE SENT ME A MAIL HE PLANS TO HOLD ON FOR A FULL
OH,
SPEAKING OF WHICH, HE DIDN'T CATCH KARASU-MA YET?

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I'M THE ONLY ONE LEFT...?

THEN, WHEN HE FINDS ME, I'LL FLY ABOUT THE CLOUDS AS FAST AS I CAN... IT'S NOT A BAD PLAN, I GUESS, BUT...

FOR NOW I'LL STAND BY IN THIS CLOUD TO PRESERVE MY ENERGY...

IT SEEMS HE SOMEHOW KNOWS OUR EXACT LOCATION, EVEN FROM A LONG DISTANCE...

BUT I WONDER IF IT'S POSSIBLE FOR FELLOW BIRDMEN TO HAVE A SHARED AWARENESS...?

I SEE... I HAD THIS KIND OF FEELING BEFORE,

I'VE BEEN LOOKING THROUGH HIS EYES MANY TIMES

ACTUALLY, INCLUDING ALL UNCLEAR MEMORIES,

THEN, I COULD COUNTER HIM MORE AGGRESSIVELY

NO, IF HE IS ABLE TO LOCATE ME, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO LOCATE HIM AS WELL

MAYBE IT'S TELE-PATHIC...?

TRY?

THESE WINGS

OOOO!

NO... IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT, HE PROBABLY HAS A STEALTH MODE■?

I DON'T QUITE GET IT.. IF THIS IS ANYTHING LIKE WIFI, I WOULD BE ABLE TO AUTO-MATICALLY CONNECT TO ANY KNOWN NETWORKS, BUT

...?

LET'S CHAL-LENGE HIM!

THEN,

HEY, TAKA-YAMA!!

LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I CALL OUT TO HIM IN MY MIND!

SAY SOME-THING.. TAKA-YAMA.. PLEASE

IF YOU DON'T ANSWER THIS WILL BE VERY EMBAR-RASSING

..... COME ON.....

HEY TAKA-YAMA, SOME TIME AGO WE CALLED OUT TO YOU FROM THE SKY TER-RACE (WAS IT?),

WHY DIDN'T YOU COME TO US?

WHA... !?

NO, THAT WASN'T A NORMAL VOICE!

BECAUSE IT WAS YOU WHO TOLD ME TO STAY AWAY, WASN'T IT?

IS THAT HOW IT WORKS ...?

THIS IS A SCENE OF FIRE...!

THAT'S RIGHT, I HEARD HIS VOICE RESONATE IN MY HEAD BEFORE...

HE'S NOT FAR AWAY...?

SO THAT MEANS

AL-RIGHT,

I GOT IT!

LOOKS LIKE KARASUMA-KUN TURNED OUT TO BE THE BEST AT FLYING, HUH?

DIDN'T I TELL YOU, HE'S REALLY AWE-SOME!

THEY ARE STILL NOT BACK.

HOW HE LOCKED UP HIS BULLIES, OF WHICH YOU WERE ONE, ON A CONSTRUCTION SITE...

HM?

AH, BY THE WAY, HE TOLD ME. ABOUT YOUR TIME IN ELE-MENTARY SCHOOL.

DID HE ONLY TALK ABOUT HIMSELF?

EH?

EH, KAMO-CHAN, YOU USED TO BULLY KARASUMA?

HE NEVER LITERALLY CALLED IT BULLYING.

I think that's really like Kara-suma-kun.

AND THEY DESTROYED MY NOTES, BOOKS AND PENCIL CASE...

THEY IGNORED ME WHEN I TALKED TO THEM

WHEN I BECAME *GOOD* FRIENDS WITH EI-CHAN, THEY *CHOSE* ME AS THEIR TARGET.

YEAH,

AFTER THAT...

DON'T CRY, IDIOT.

IT'S NOT NECESSARY TO PHYSICALLY HURT THESE IDIOTS.

KEEPING A RECORD CAN BE VERY HELPFUL.

EVERY TIME THEY TRY *SOMETHING*, I *OBTAIN MORE* INFORMATION TO *CORNER* THEM.

FROM NOW ON, TELL ME IF THEY HAVE BOTHERED YOU.

AND INCLUDE DATE AND TIME.

WHY ARE YOU TAKING PICTURES!?

and this many

I THOUGHT HE WAS REALLY *COOL*...

BUT SINCE I HAD NEVER MET ANYONE LIKE HIM BEFORE,

I DON'T KNOW, BUT I SUPPOSE HE WAS ACTING FROM EXPERIENCE?

WOW, WHAT KIND OF LIFE HAD HE BEEN LIVING UP TILL THEN!?

SO, HOW DO YOU WANT TO PUNISH THEM?
I ALREADY GOT A LOT ON THEM.
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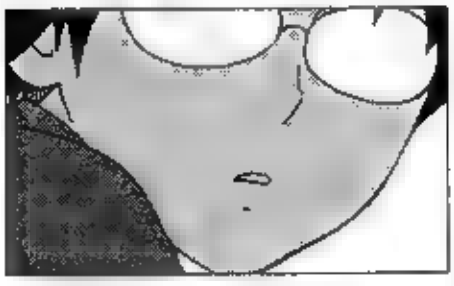
KAMO DA,
INCLUDING EVERYTHING THEY DID TO ME,…

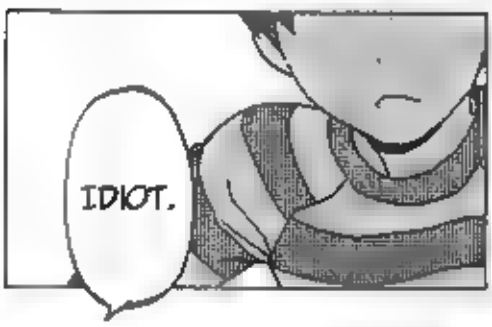


BUT, EI-CHAN.
THEY ARE MY FRIENDS…

……
I… SEE…

WELL,
I ALSO VERY MUCH DOUBTED THE WISDOM OF MAKING IT PUBLIC.
SO, LET'S START CLEANING UP.
WE CAN DO THIS!

BUT SINCE THEY WERE WITH THREE, AND I WAS PRETTY WEAK, THEY EASILY BEAT US UP...
AND CAUGHT THEM AS THEY WERE ABOUT TO VIOLATE MY DESK,
THEN, WHEN WE HAD TO MOVE CLASSES WE HID OUR-SELVES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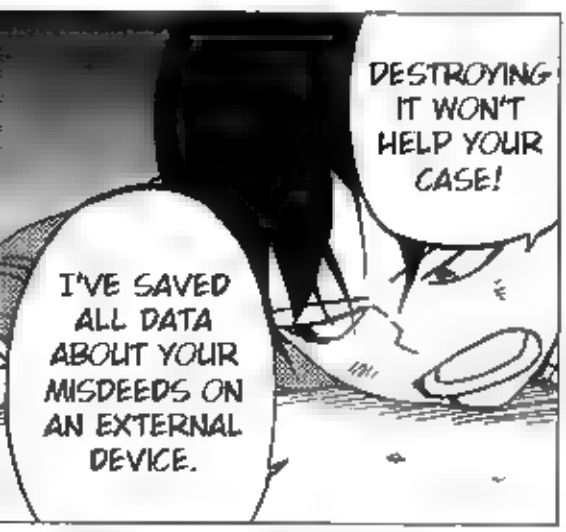

DESTROYING IT WON'T HELP YOUR CASE!
I'VE SAVED ALL DATA ABOUT YOUR MISDEEDS ON AN EXTERNAL DEVICE.

AH, THAT'S EI-CHAN'S !!
バキッ

AT LAST YOU PHYSICALLY HURT US!
ALL IS GOING ACCORDING TO PLAN.

YOU LOSE!

THESE ADULTS WILL NEVER LISTEN TO WHAT A CHILD HAS TO SAY.
BUT WE WILL WIN, BECAUSE I HAVE A LOT OF UNDENIABLE PROOF.

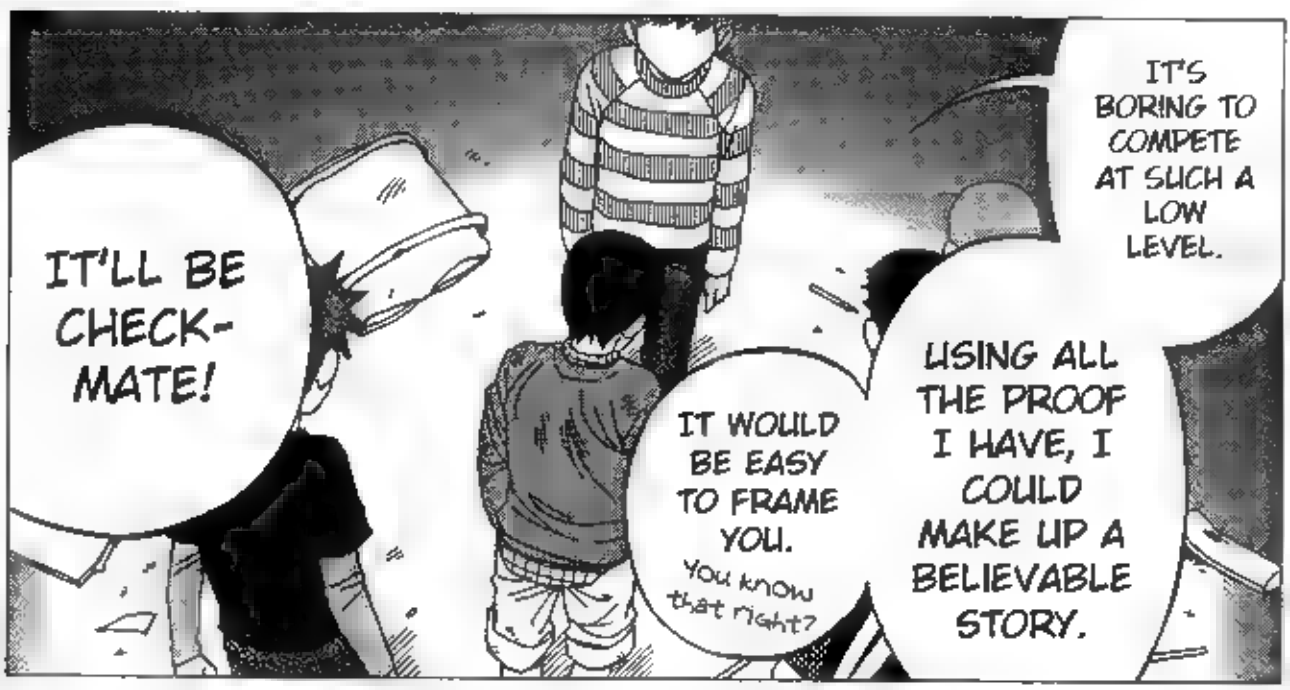
IF THIS GOES ANY FURTHER, ADULTS WILL COME.
EVEN THOUGH THIS IS A FIGHT BETWEEN KIDS, THEY WILL BE THE ONES TO JUDGE.
AT THAT, IT WILL BE ADULTS WHO KNOW NOTHING ABOUT US.

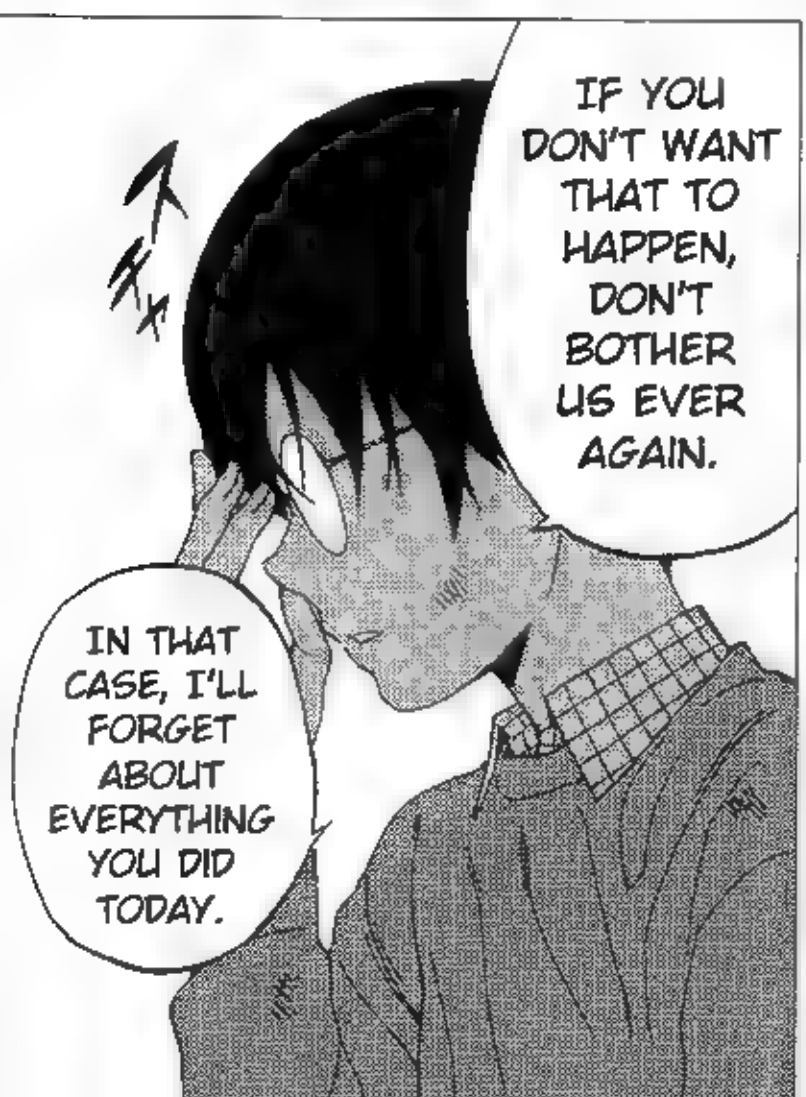
ALL THESE SMALL, NEATLY ARRANGED INJURIES AREN'T THE WORK OF SOME VIOLENT FATTY.
YOU ARE THE ONE WHO SUGGESTED IT.

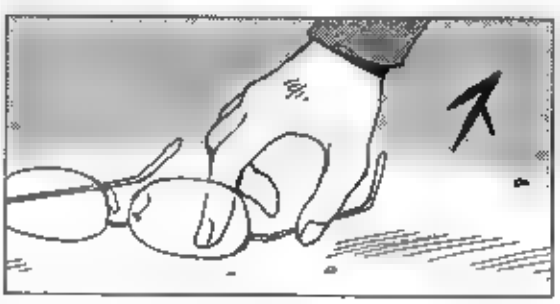
HEY, YOU! BOARDER KID.

THE DAMAGE TO MY SMARTPHONE AND THESE INJURIES WILL ONLY CONFIRM OUR TALE.
ALL WE NEED TO DO NOW IS ACT LIKE THE VICTIMS.

YOU UNDER-STAND WHAT I'M SAYING, RIGHT?
IF YOU REALLY INTEND TO USE YOUR HEAD,

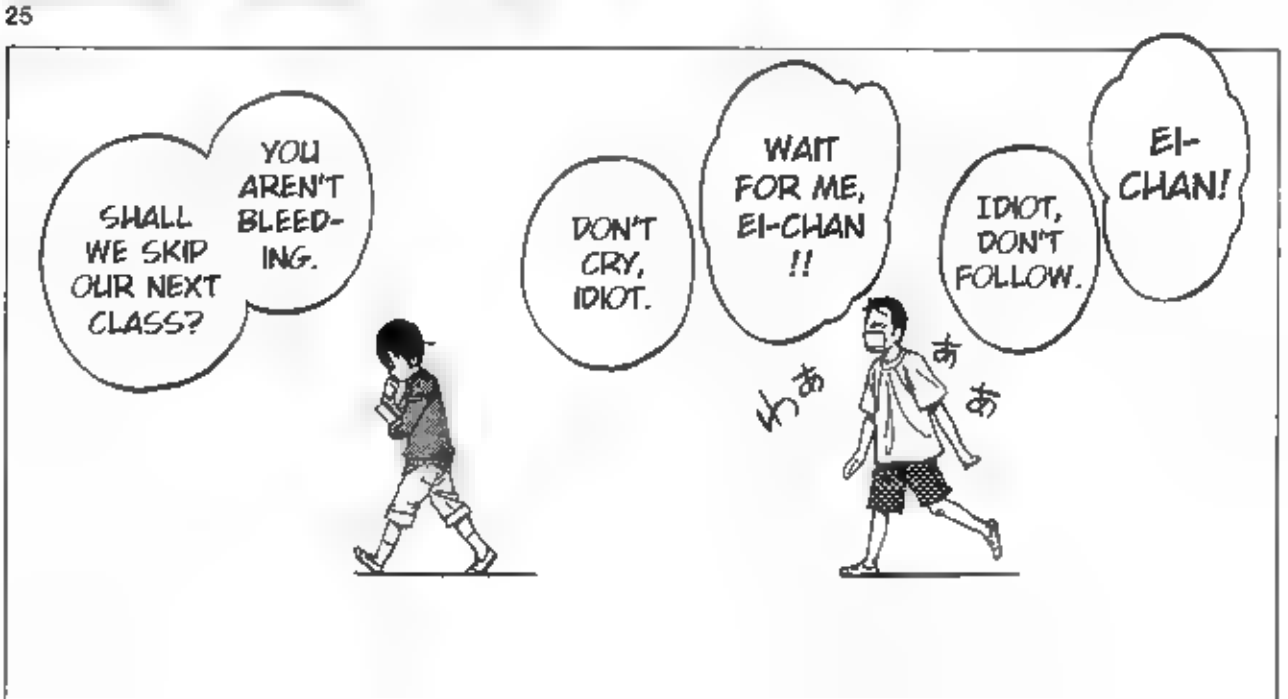

IT'S BORING TO COMPETE AT SUCH A LOW LEVEL.
IT'LL BE CHECK-MATE!
IT WOULD BE EASY TO FRAME YOU.
You know that right?
USING ALL THE PROOF I HAVE, I COULD MAKE UP A BELIEVABLE STORY.


IF YOU DON'T WANT THAT TO HAPPEN, DON'T BOTHER US EVER AGAIN.
IN THAT CASE, I'LL FORGET ABOUT EVERYTHING YOU DID TODAY.



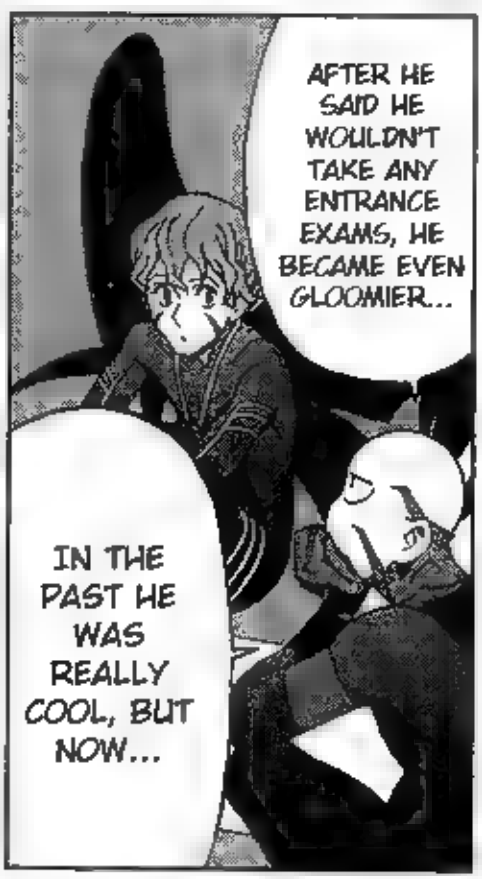
OH,
SEEMS I CAN STILL USE MY GLASS-ES.

THIS IS YOUR FINAL CHANCE.
OR ASK SOME ADULTS FOR HELP, BUT ONCE I'VE MADE MY DECISION, I'LL CARRY IT OUT.
HONESTLY, I RATHER DIE THAN TELL ANYONE YOU BULLIED US,
EI-CHAN !!
AFTER ALL, KAMODA STILL CONSIDERS YOU GUYS TO BE HIS FRIENDS.

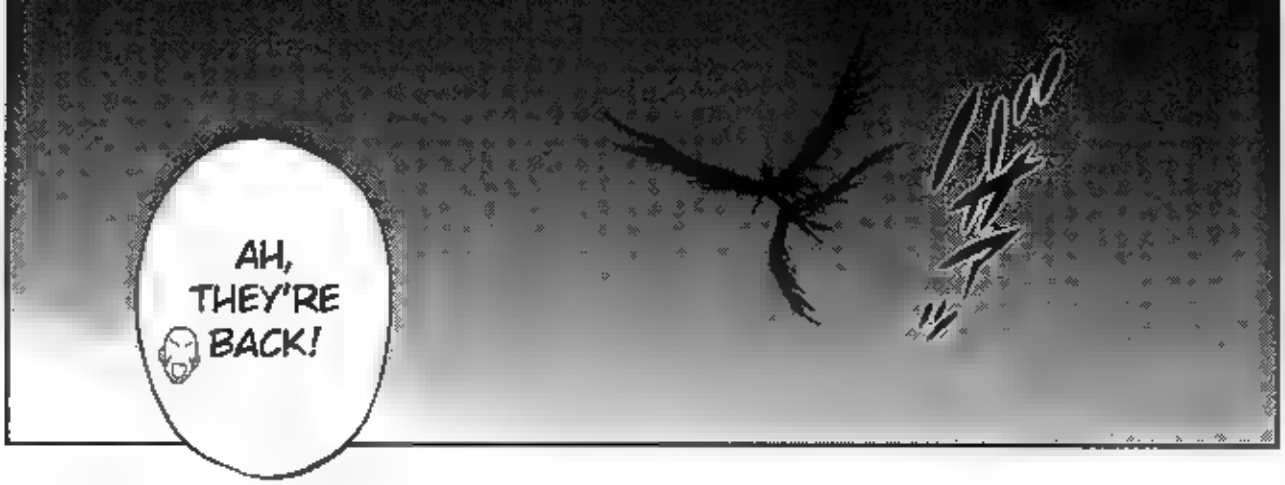

SHALL WE SKIP OUR NEXT CLASS?
YOU AREN'T BLEEDING.
DON'T CRY, IDIOT.
WAIT FOR ME, EI-CHAN !!
IDIOT, DON'T FOLLOW.
EI-CHAN!
わあ
あ
あ

EI-CHAN! EI-CHAN!
KAMODA, MAYBE YOU SHOULD TAKE SOME CLASSES AT THAT KARATE DOJO IN FRONT OF THE STATION.
YOU'RE QUITE ATHLETIC AND BEING ABLE TO BLUFF IS IMPORTANT.
IT COULD HELP YOU AVOID THESE KIND OF SITUATIONS IN THE FUTURE.
I DIDN'T EXPECT THAT.
WELL, IT KIND OF SUITS HIM.
I ACTUALLY GOT IN MORE TROUBLE AS I GOT STRONGER.
BUT AFTER THAT RUMORS WENT ROUND THAT EI-CHAN WAS A PERSON NOT TO BE MESSED WITH,
THEN MORE AND MORE PEOPLE STARTED SHUNNING HIM.

I SEE...
KARASUMA-KUN WAS YOU HERO, HUH?


AFTER HE SAID HE WOULDN'T TAKE ANY ENTRANCE EXAMS, HE BECAME EVEN GLOOMIER...
IN THE PAST HE WAS REALLY COOL, BUT NOW...

YES!


AH, THEY'RE BACK!

WHAT HAP-PENED!

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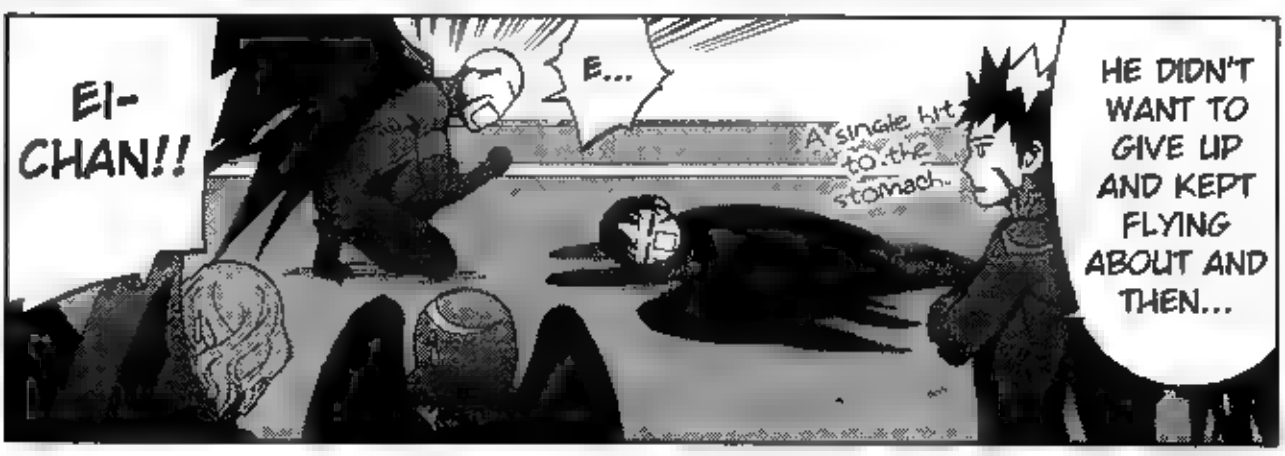
EI-CHAN!!
E...
A single hit to the stomach...
HE DIDN'T WANT TO GIVE UP AND KEPT FLYING ABOUT AND THEN...

MY STOMACH STILL HURTS...
DAMN...
カチャ カチャ
creating the record

THIS SHOULD DO AS A RECORD.
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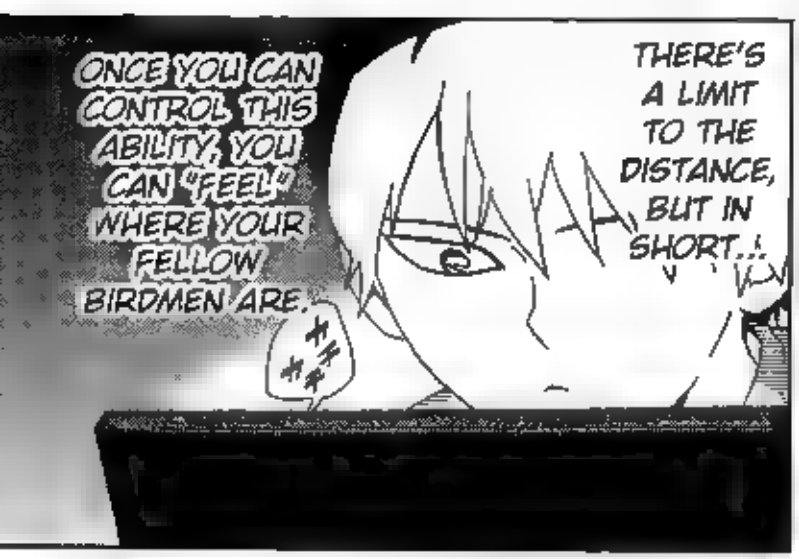
BUT TONIGHT I GOT A GLIMPSE OF OUR ABILITIES AS BIRD-MEN...


ONCE YOU CAN CONTROL THIS ABILITY, YOU CAN "FEEL" WHERE YOUR FELLOW BIRDMEN ARE.
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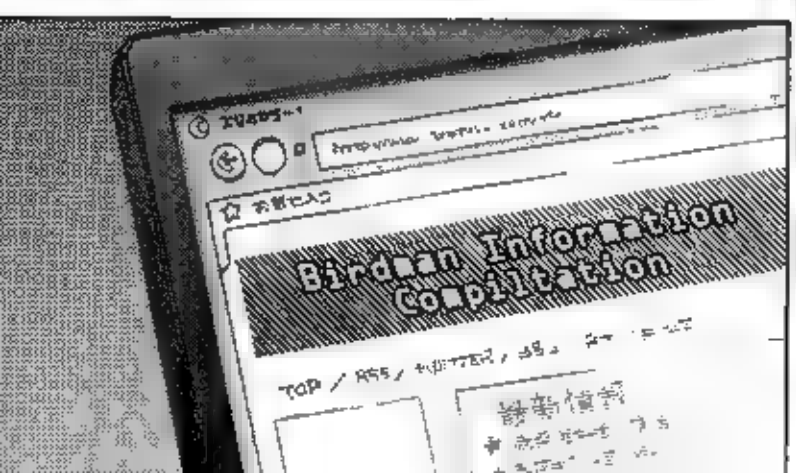
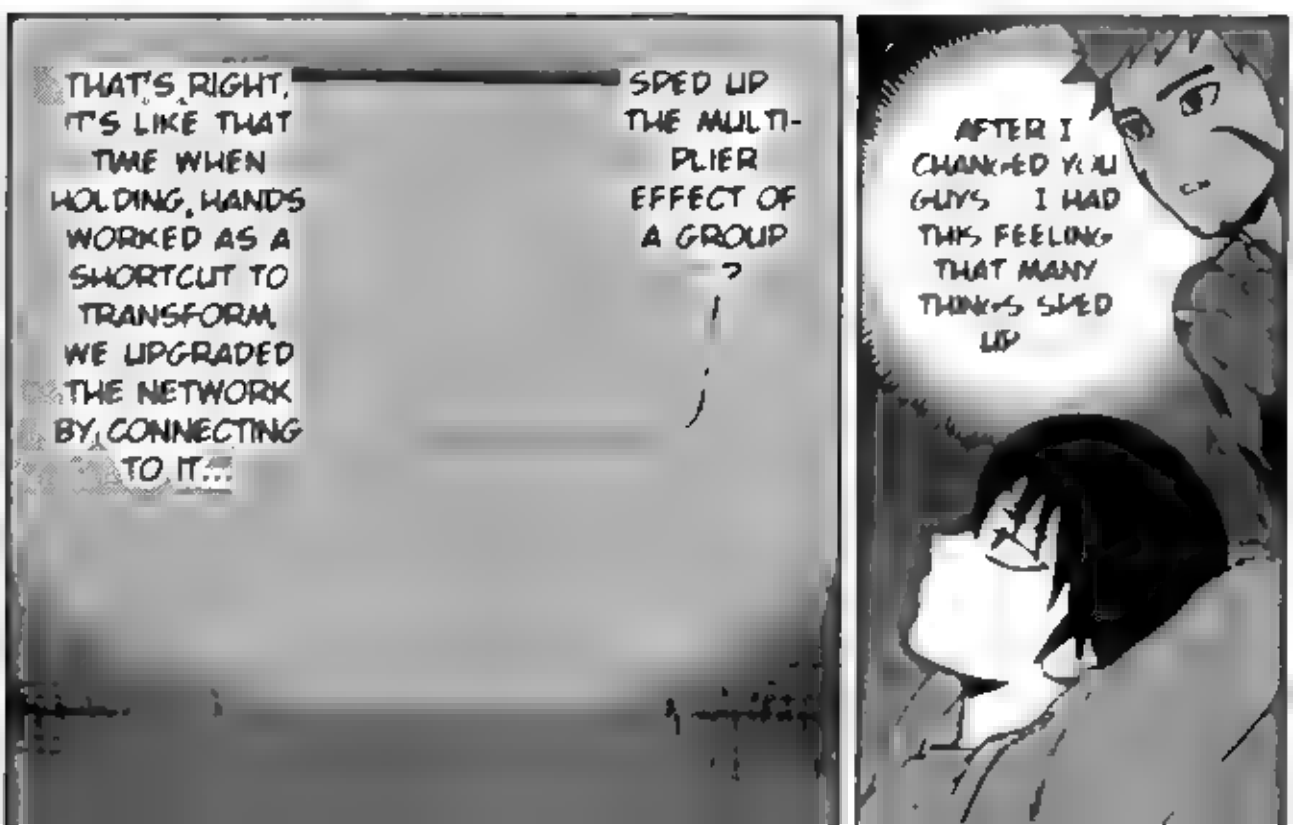
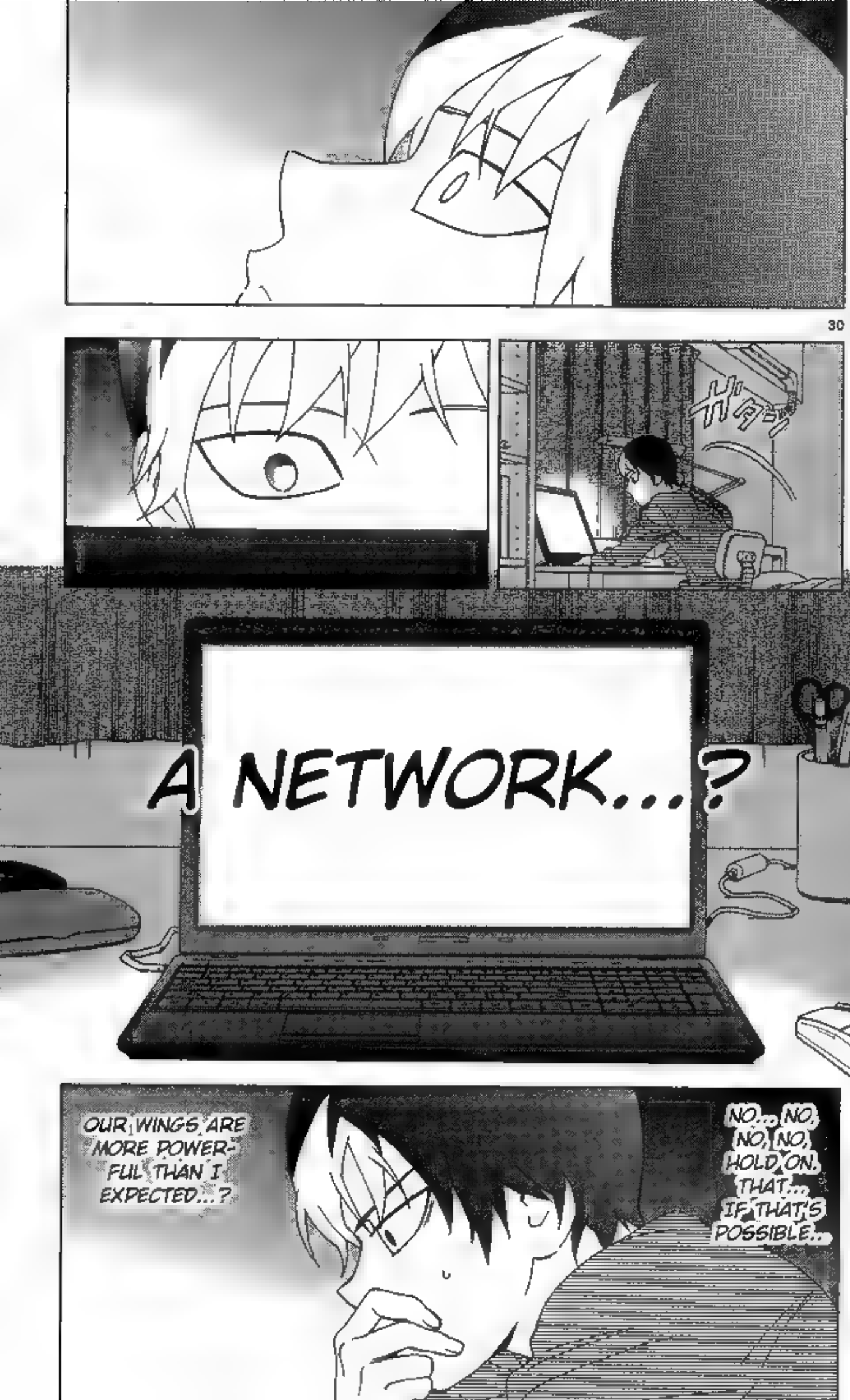
THERE'S A LIMIT TO THE DISTANCE, BUT IN SHORT...!

IT APPEARS TO BE POSSIBLE FOR FELLOW BIRDMEN TO COMMUNICATE EVEN A GREAT DISTANCE.
THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS


Birdman Information Compilation

IT'S NATURAL T. ASSUME THERE ARE MORE BRAINMEN THAN THERE'S OF US.
THERE'S THIS PHOTO TAKEN IN ALASKA...
IT APPEARS THAT, EVEN OUTSIDE JAPAN
HOWEVER, WE CAN'T TELL WHETHER THOSE OTHERS WILL BE FRIENDS OR FOES IF THIS BIZARRE POWER FALLS INTO THE WRONG HANDS, THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT WILL HAPPEN
WELL, I DON'T THINK THERE ARE ANY OTHER IN JAPAN OR AT LEAST NOT IN TOKYO


THAT'S RIGHT, IT'S LIKE THAT TIME WHEN HOLDING HANDS WORKED AS A SHORTCUT TO TRANSFORM, WE UPGRADED THE NETWORK BY CONNECTING TO IT...
SPED UP THE MULTIPLIER EFFECT OF A GROUP
AFTER I CHANGED YOU GUYS I HAD THIS FEELING THAT MANY THINGS SPED UP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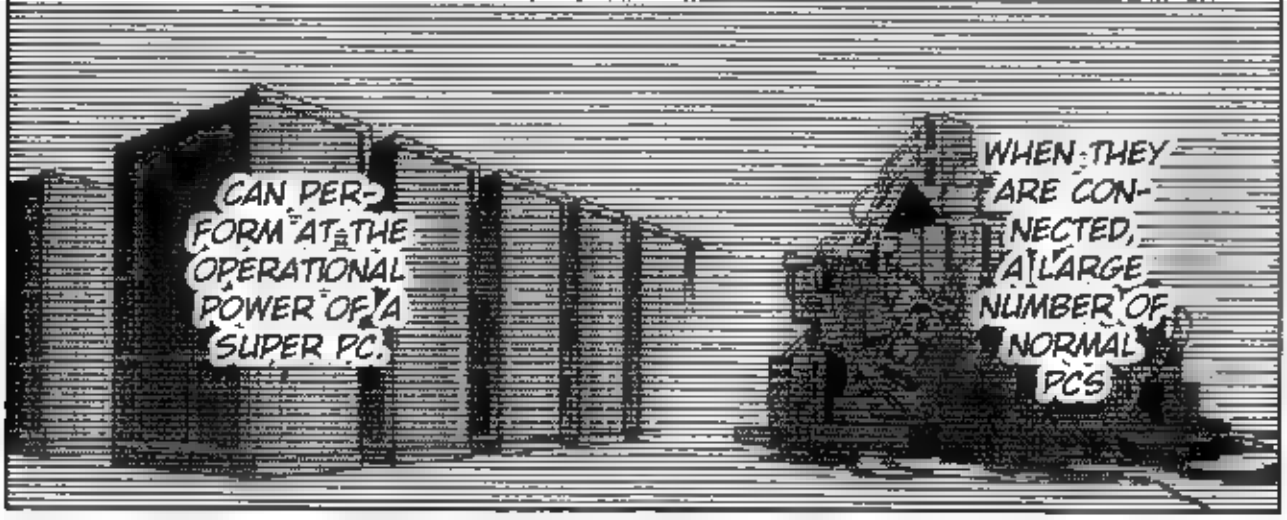
A NETWORK...?
OUR WINGS ARE MORE POWERFUL THAN I EXPECTED...?
NO... NO, NO, NO, HOLD ON. THAT... IF THAT'S POSSIBLE...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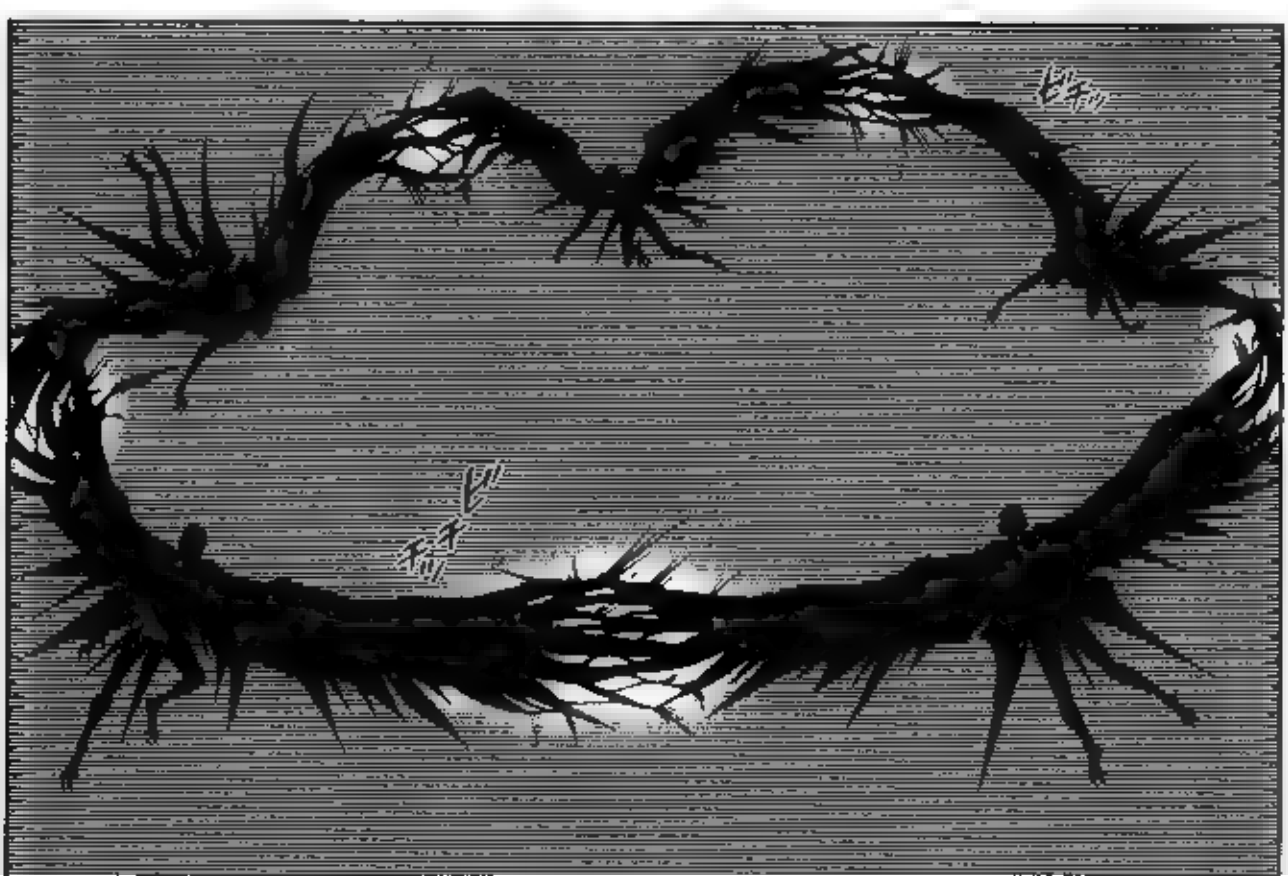
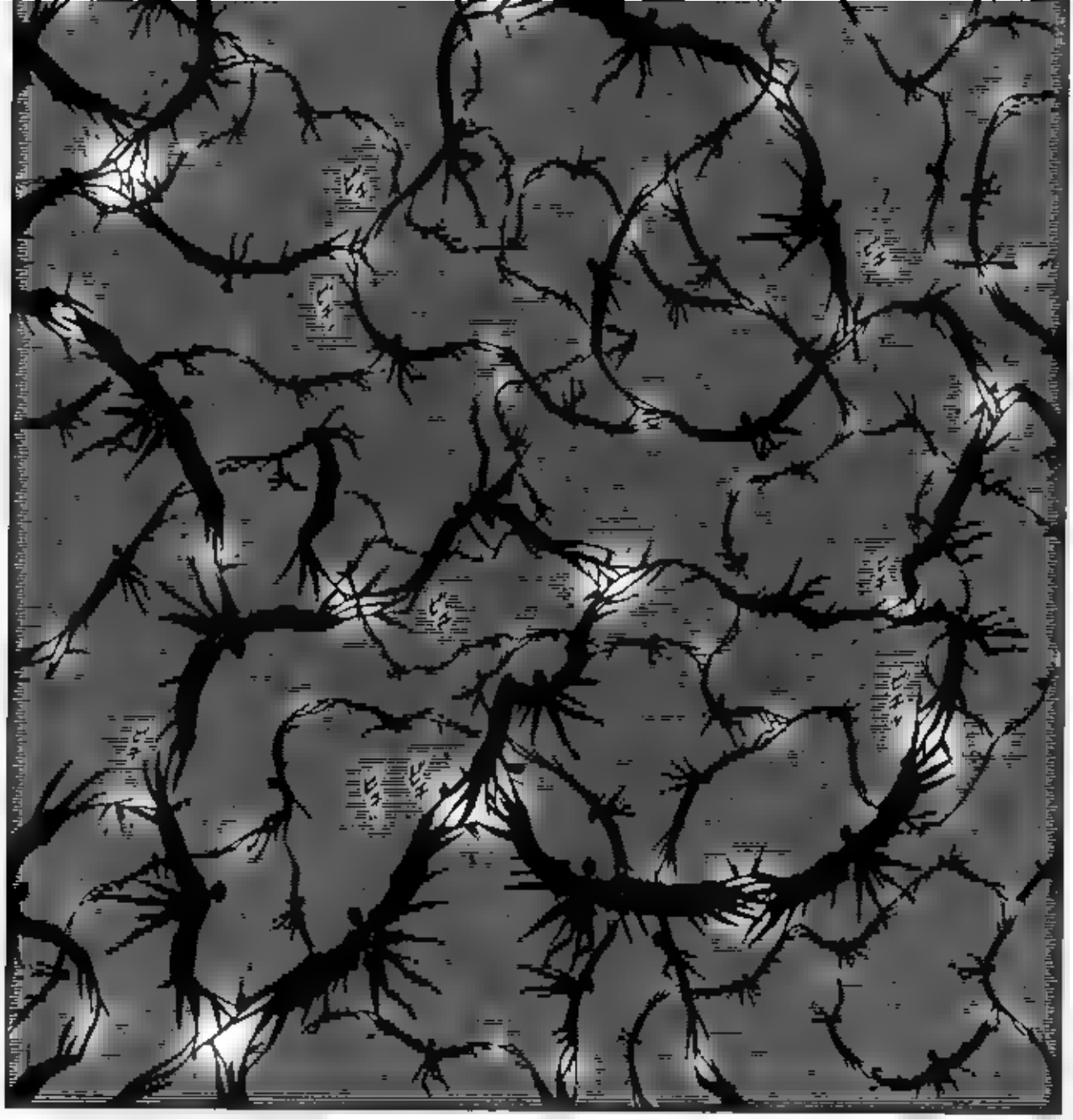
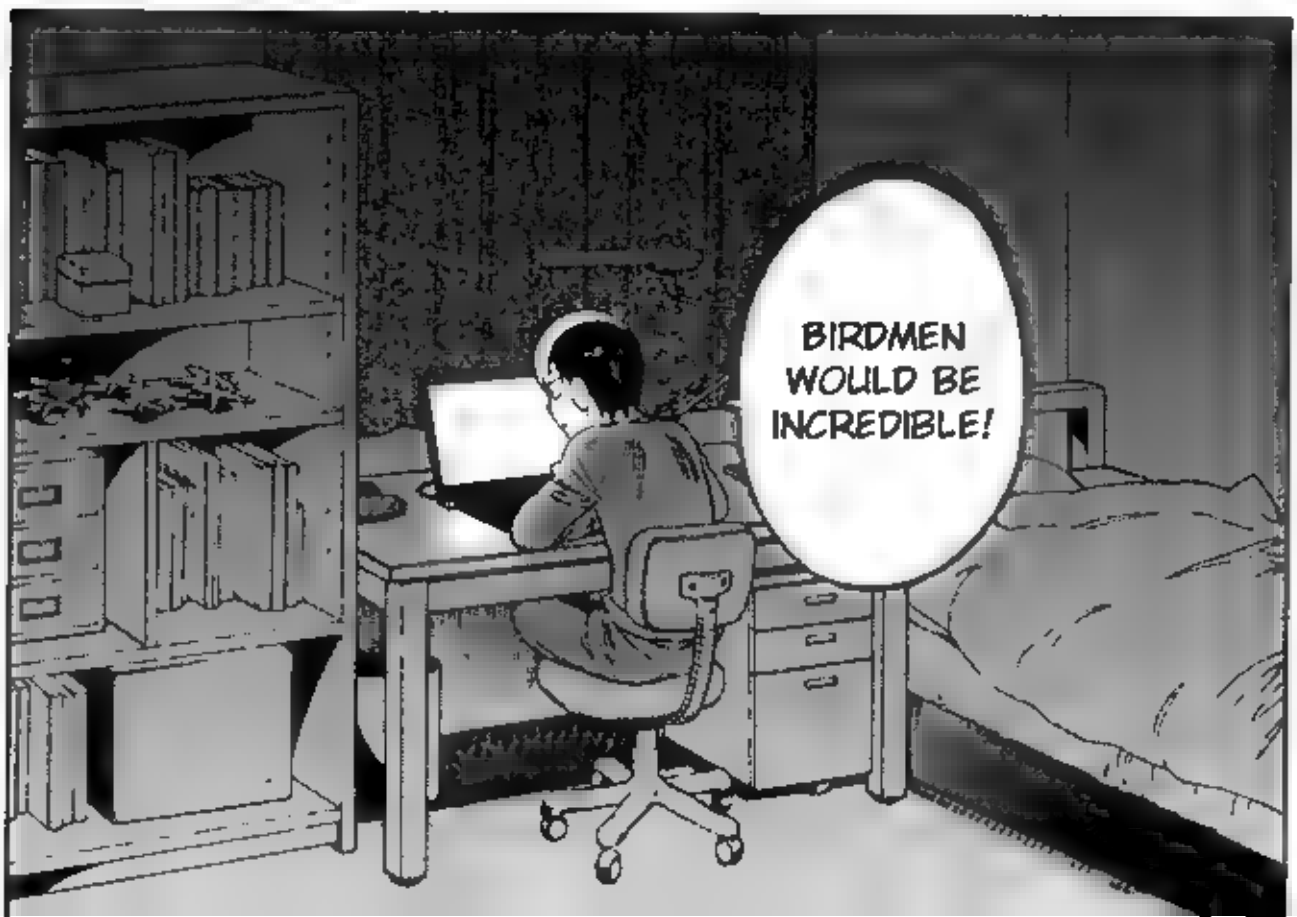
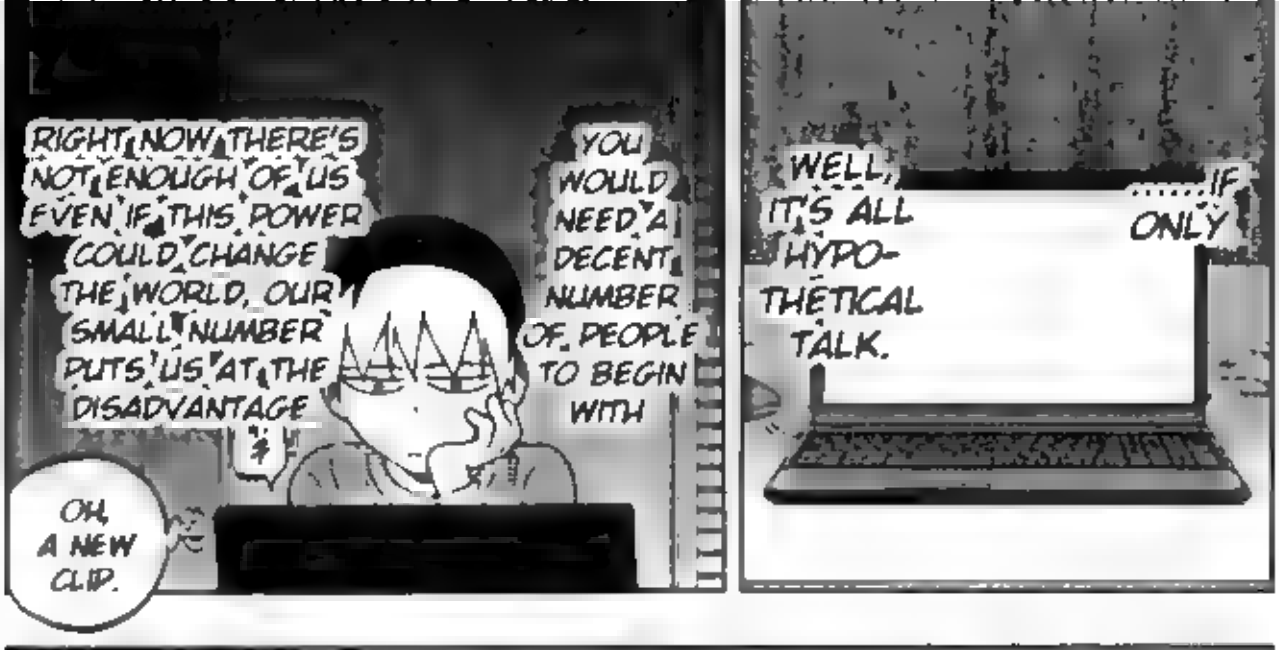
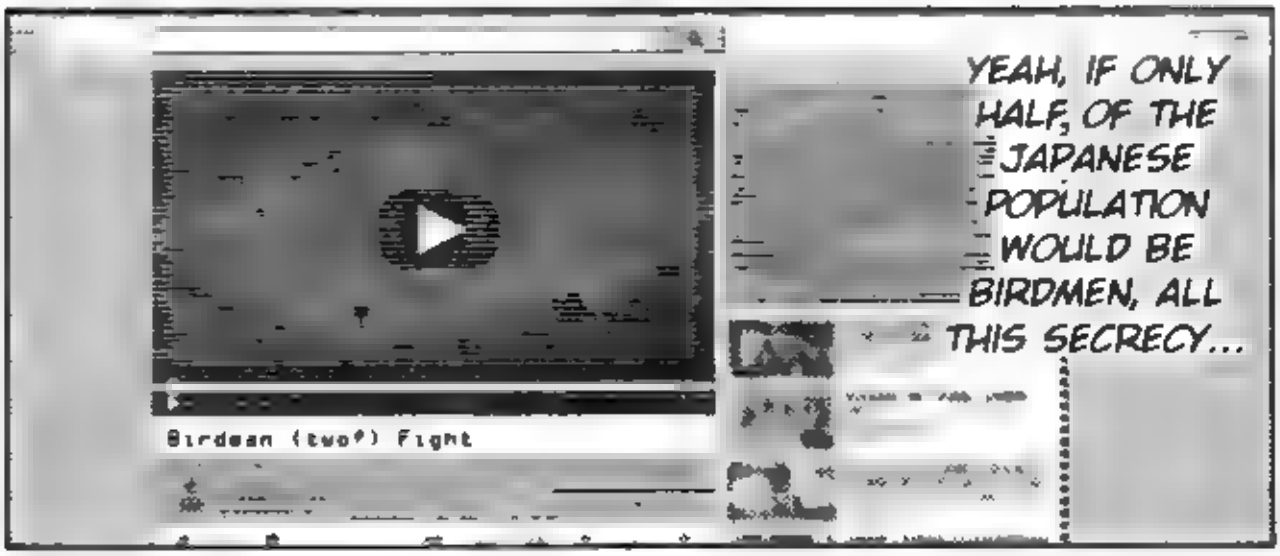





BIRDMEN WOULD BE INCREDIBLE!


RIGHT NOW THERE'S NOT ENOUGH OF US EVEN IF THIS POWER COULD CHANGE THE WORLD, OUR SMALL NUMBER PUTS US AT THE DISADVANTAGE
YOU WOULD NEED A DECENT NUMBER OF PEOPLE TO BEGIN WITH
OH, A NEW CLIP.
WELL, IT'S ALL HYPO-THETICAL TALK.
.....IF ONLY


Birdman (two?) Fight
YEAH, IF ONLY HALF OF THE JAPANESE POPULATION WOULD BE BIRDMEN, ALL THIS SECRECY...

Birdman (two?) Fight

IN THE DARK, YOU HARDLY
THAT, WAS CLEARLY MY VOICE, RIGHT?

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BIRDMEN

HI EVERYONE, I'M RIKU. I'M ONLY A SIMPLE TRANSLATOR, BUT I LIKE TO TRY MY HAND AT SCANLATING SOMETIMES.

I HAVE NO SPECIAL SKILLS IN CLEANING AND TYPESETTING, BUT I HOPE YOU'LL ENJOY THIS CHAPTER NONTHELESS!!

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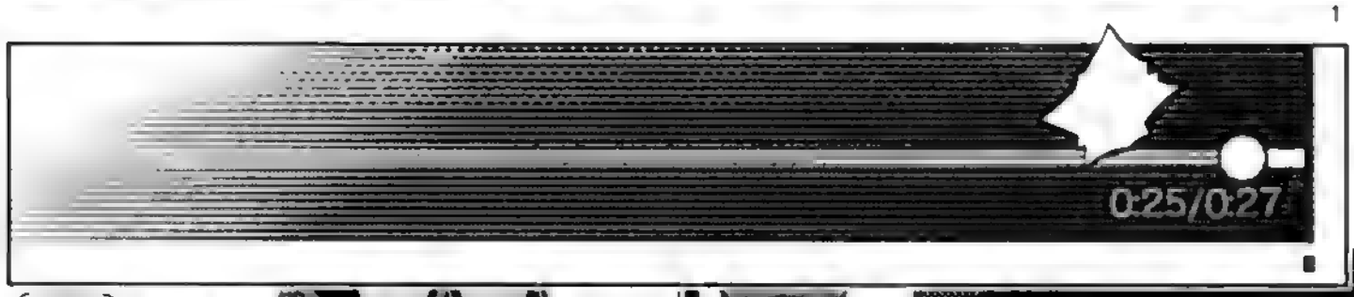
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move,
Takayama
...!!

GIVEN HIS SIZE AND WING SHAPE THERE IS A 97.8% PROBABILITY
THAT WE'RE DEALING WITH A TYPE S-W1, BUT
THE VOICE WE HEAR IS OF A MALE IN HIS TEENS...
COME TO THE POINT.
HAVE YOU FINISHED THE ANALYSIS?

I SEE,
THEY'RE MULTIPLYING.
THERE ARE TWO.

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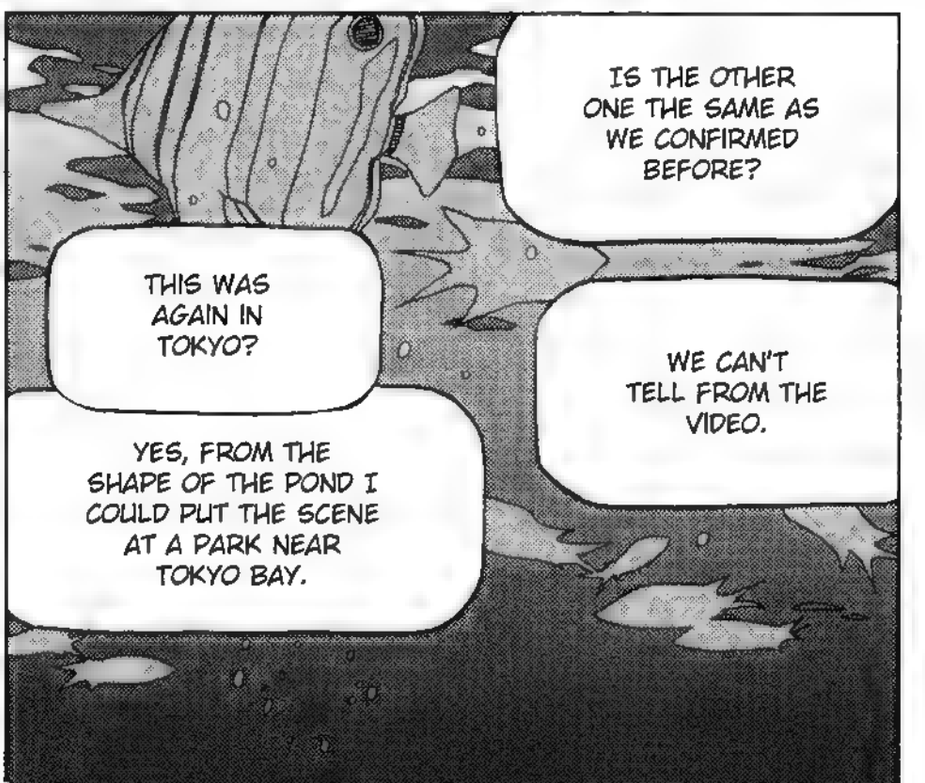
SO, THEY BELONG TO THE SAME STRING. THEY ARE FAMILY.
TOKYO SOUNDS LIKE A NICE PLACE, I ALWAYS WANTED TO GO THERE ONE TIME.


IS THE OTHER ONE THE SAME AS WE CONFIRMED BEFORE?
THIS WAS AGAIN IN TOKYO?
WE CAN'T TELL FROM THE VIDEO.
YES, FROM THE SHAPE OF THE POND I COULD PUT THE SCENE AT A PARK NEAR TOKYO BAY.

T/N: A SERAPH IS A CELESTIAL, ANGELIC BEING IN CHRISTIANITY AND JUDAISM. SERAPHIM IS THE PLURAL FORM.

YOU WANT TO... LEAVE THE LAB...?
THIS IS A WILD SPECIES SO TO SPEAK, IT'S WAY MORE INTERESTING THAN AXENIC CULTURES.
WHEN OUR ORIGINAL, EVA, DESERTED 5 YEARS AGO, SHE HAD NEVER BEEN TO JAPAN.
WHILE I WAS PERSONALLY LOOKING INTO HER ESCAPE ROUTE, THIS COUNTRY CAUGHT MY INTEREST.

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SEEK

KAMODA ALSO SAID I SHOULDN'T WORRY, BUT...
LOOK AT THE COMMENTS, IT'S ALL TAKAYAMA THIS, TAKAYAMA THAT.
BUT I DOUBT ANYONE BUT THOSE WHO ALREADY KNOW WILL REALIZE THAT.
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(YEAH) THE CLIP ITSELF IS PRETTY DARK, EXCEPT FOR SOME WINGS, IT'S HARD TO SEE ANYTHING AT ALL.
BUT THAT VOICE IS DEFINITELY YOURS.

THAT'S RIGHT... EVEN IF THIS DOESN'T EVEAL OUR IDENTITY TO THE WORLD,THE REAL PROBLEM IS----

HAH?
ANYWAY, I THINK YOU BETTER APOLOGIZE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

TO TAKAYAMA,
FOR DISCLOSING HIS NAME.

EH... EH!?

MY... FAULT ...?
THIS ISN'T SOMETHING PEOPLE WILL JUST IGNORE.

WHAT !?
TO TAKAYAMA !?
I SHOULD APLOGIZE !?
BUT THIS IS YOUR FAULT, RIGHT

WASN'T THIS BEYOND MY CONTROL? DO I REALLY HAVE TO APOLOGIZE?
IS THIS MY FAULT ...?
IS HE RIGHT...?
ARE YOU KIDDING ME...?
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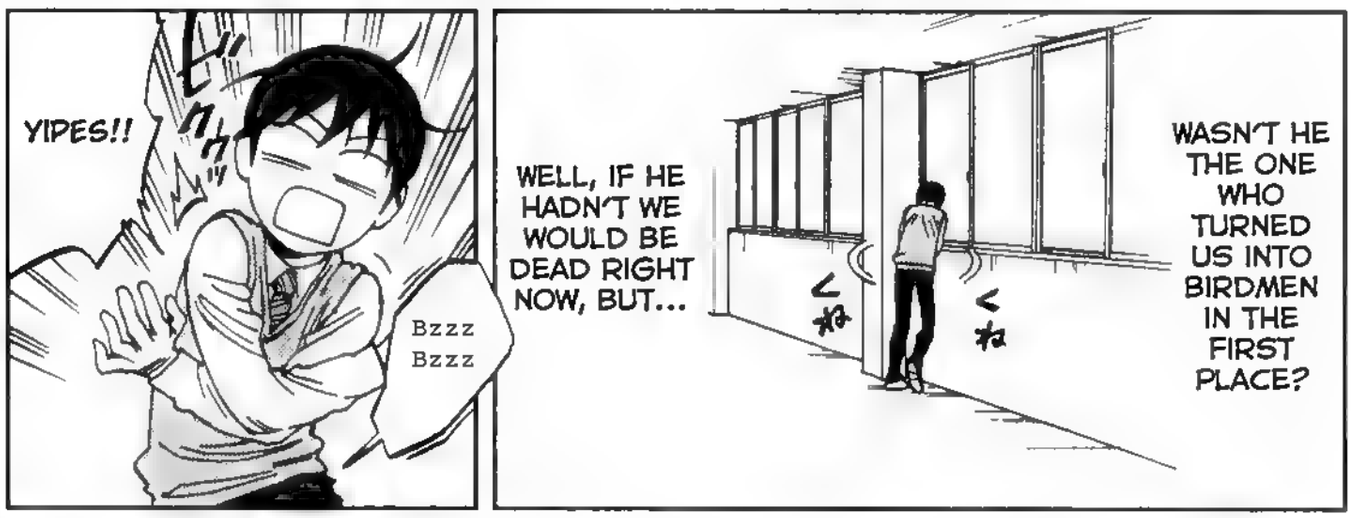
YIPES!!
Bzzz
Bzzz
WELL, IF HE HADN'T WE WOULD BE DEAD RIGHT NOW, BUT...
WASN'T HE THE ONE WHO TURNED US INTO BIRDMEN IN THE FIRST PLACE?

NO TITLE
I watched the clip
Looks scary XXX
AH...
A MESSAGE FROM UMINO ...!
THAT GIRL .....
IS SHE THE SAME TYPE AS KAMODA ...?
USELESS AS AN ADVISOR...
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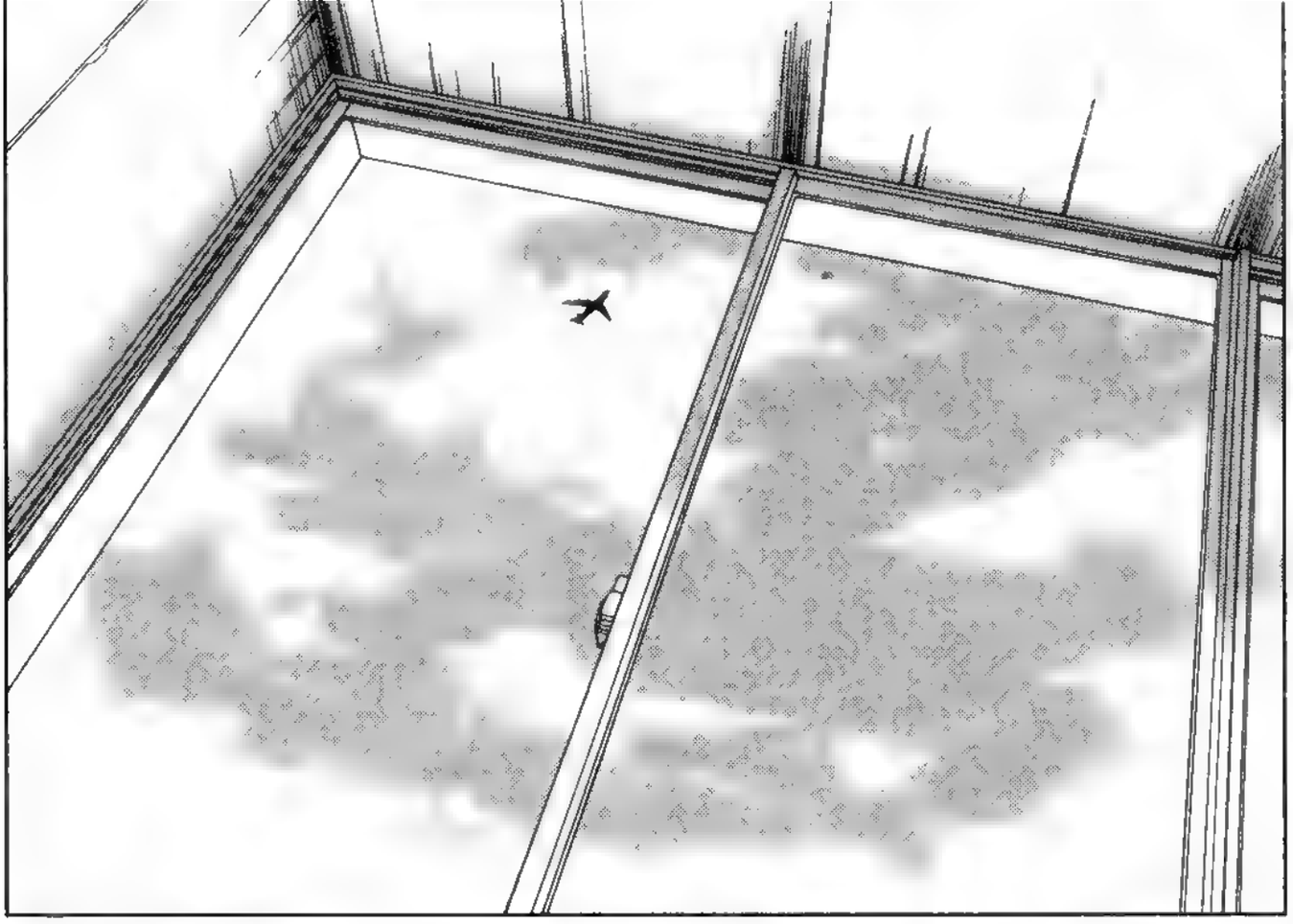

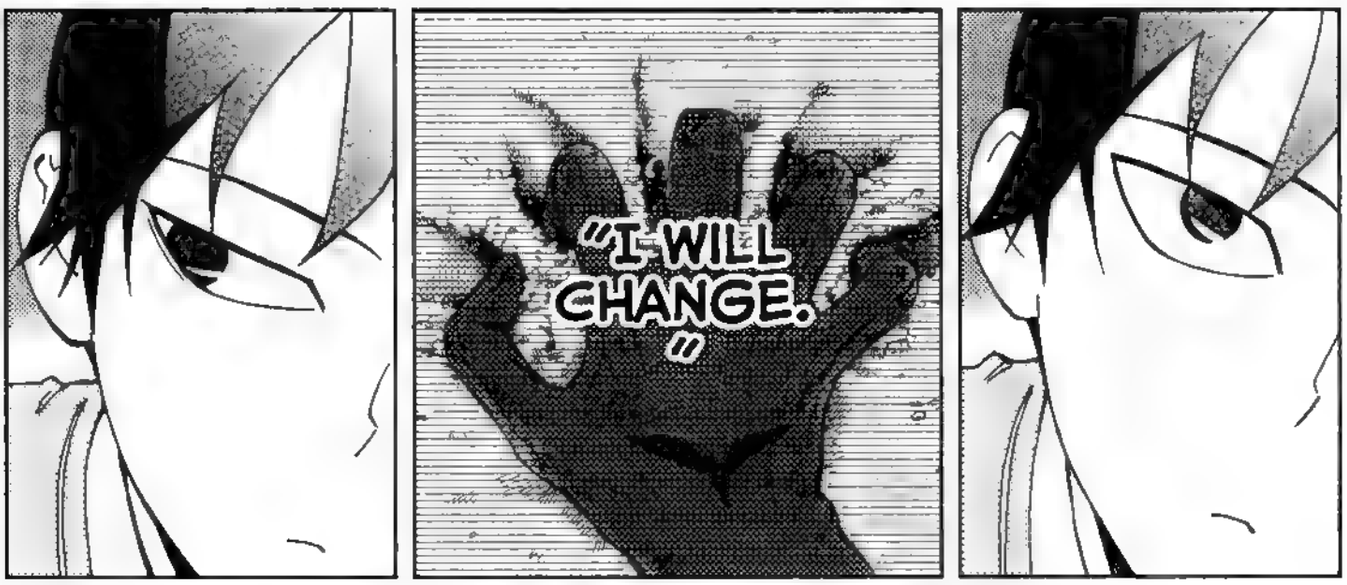
"I WILL CHANGE."

IT'S MY MISTAKE ...
I SUPPOSE ...

IF I MAKE UP EXCUSES AND IGNORE TO FACE MY MISTAKE,
I'LL JUST BE DOING WHAT I ALWAYS DID?
I'M SO LAME.

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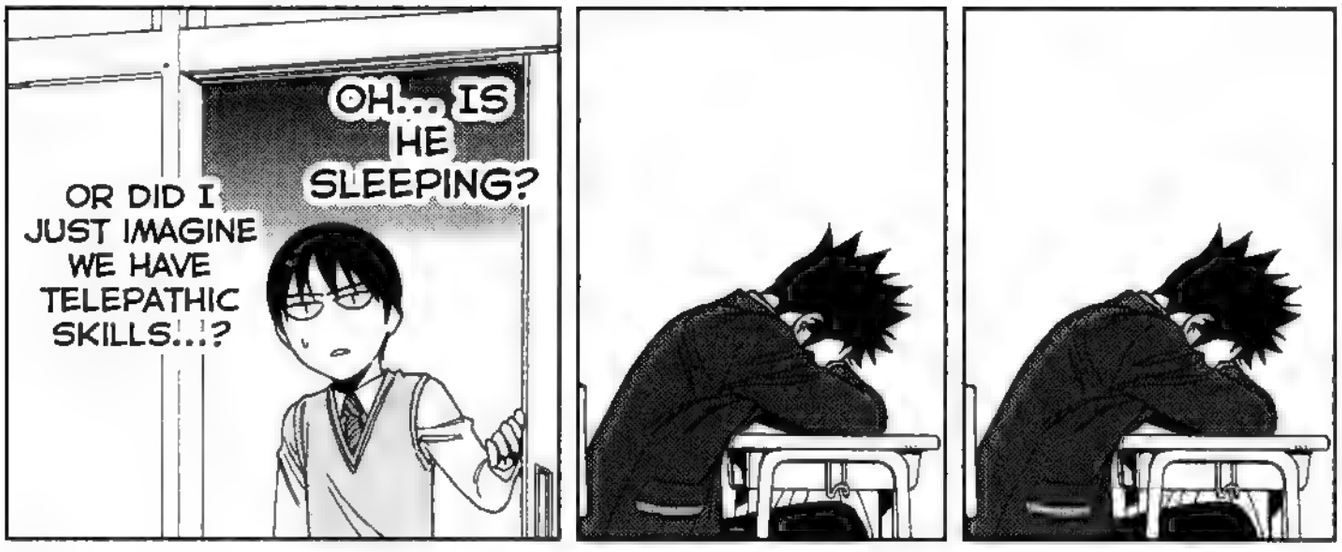
HEY, TAKAYAMA!! LISTEN!!
WELL THEN, I WILL USE MY TELEPATHY TO GET OVER WITH THIS QUICKLY!!

THEY RECORDED ME SHOUTING YOUR NAME SO, WELL... I'M SORRY!
TO BE HONEST, IT APPEARS THAT SOMEONE FILMED US WHILE WE FOUGHT THAT BLACK OUT AND UPLOADED IT TO THE INTERNET.


OH... IS HE SLEEPING?
OR DID I JUST IMAGINE WE HAVE TELEPATHIC SKILLS...?

I CAN BARELY HEAR YOU WHEN WE'RE NOT TRANSFORMED.

AH,
YES.

WE CAN TALK SOMEWHERE ELSE.

THE DOOR IS LOCKED, SO HOW DO YOU GET THERE?
COME TO THINK OF IT,
YOU GO TO THE ROOF QUITE OFTEN, RIGHT?

MY TELEPATHY PLAN FAILED...?
AH,

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WELL...
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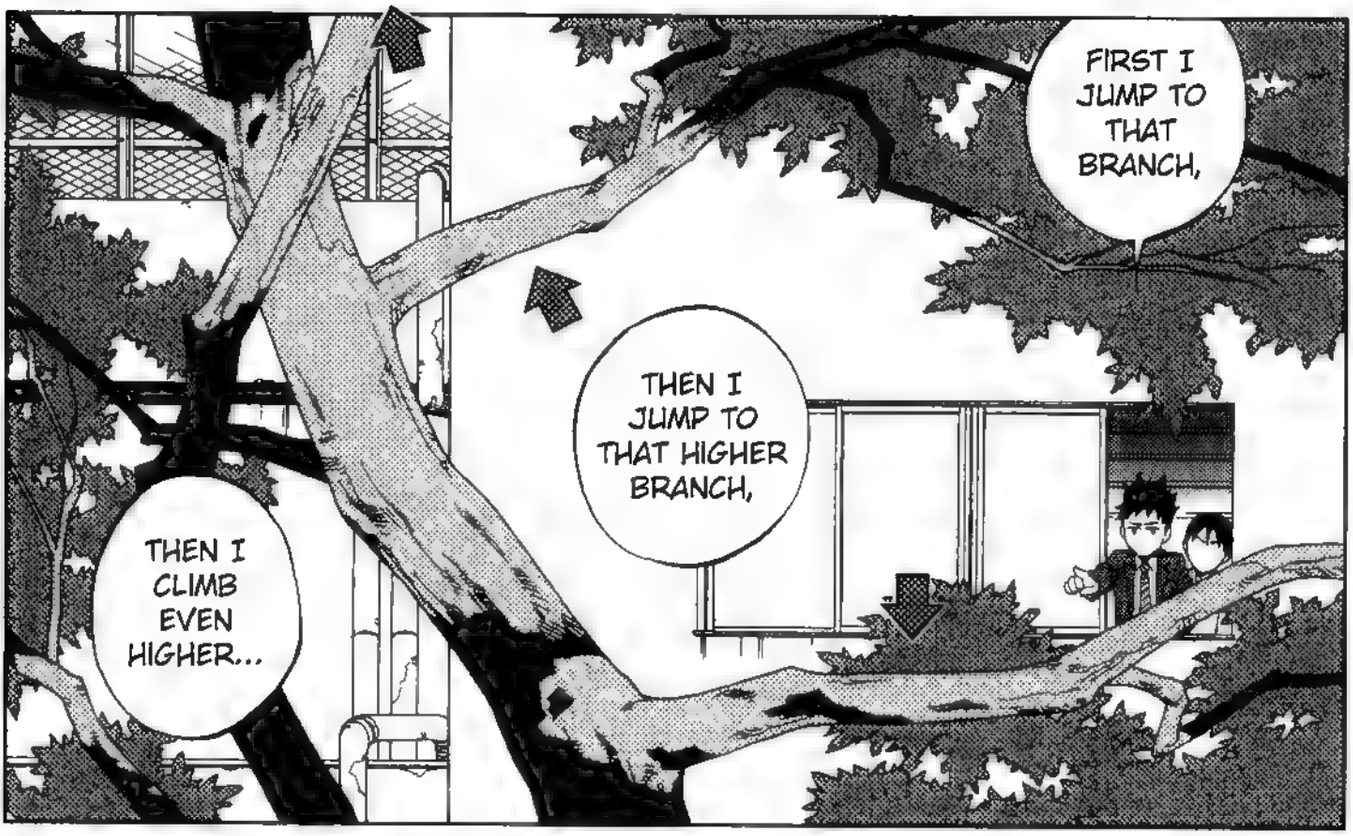
FIRST I JUMP TO THAT BRANCH,
THEN I JUMP TO THAT HIGHER BRANCH,
THEN I CLIMB EVEN HIGHER...

COME, LET'S GIVE IT A TRY.
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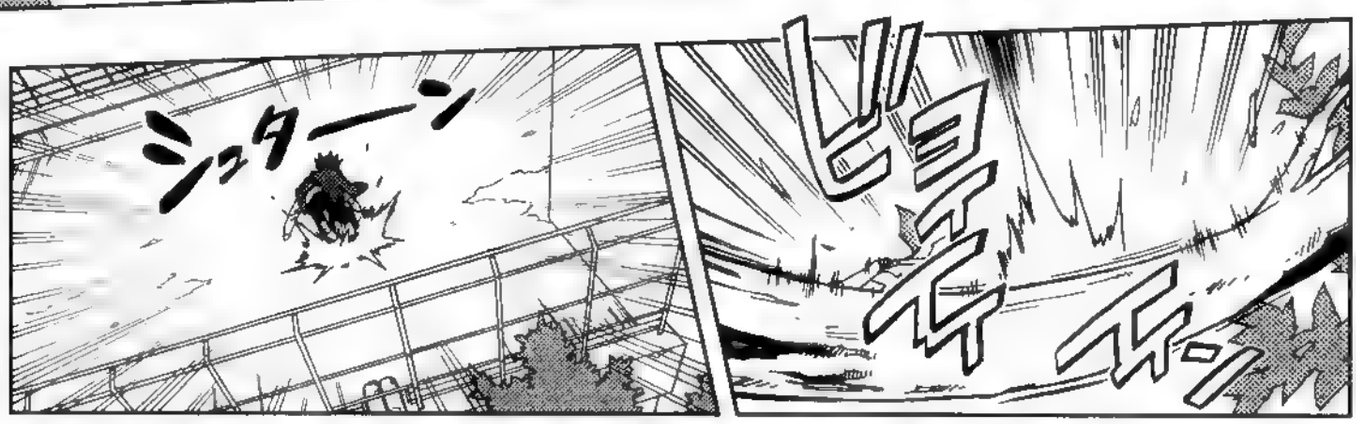
EH!

WITH A LITTLE PRACTICE, EVEN YOU CAN DO IT.

USUALLY UP TO THE BRANCH OVERT THERE.
ARE YOU A MONKEY !!?

BU...
WHA !!?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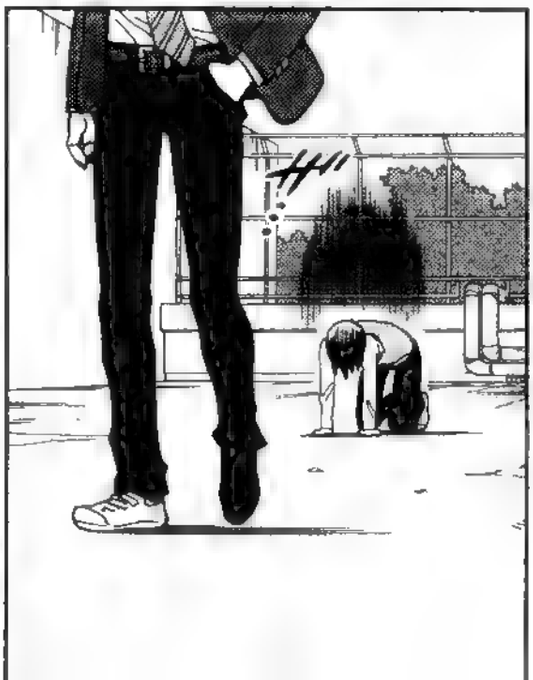
I DIDN'T THINK ANYONE WOULD FIND ME HERE,
BUT IT SEEMS YOU DID.



YOU'LL BE SURPRISED AT HOW MANY PEOPLE SEE YOU WHEN YOU THINK THEY DON'T.
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YOU'RE RIGHT.
..... move, Takayama ...!!
ERR...

I NEVER MEANT FOR SOMETHING LIKE THAT TO HAPPEN...?
JUST SAYING, BUT
THAT... IS

I WASN'T AWARE OF ANYONE ELSE OUT THERE, DOING THINGS,
I WASN'T THINKING ...
I COULDN'T FLY! I WAS BLEEDING! I WAS ABOUT TO DIE!
WE HAD OUR HANDS FULL FIGHTING OFF THAT BLACK OUT!!!
YOU KNOW THAT, RIGHT!?
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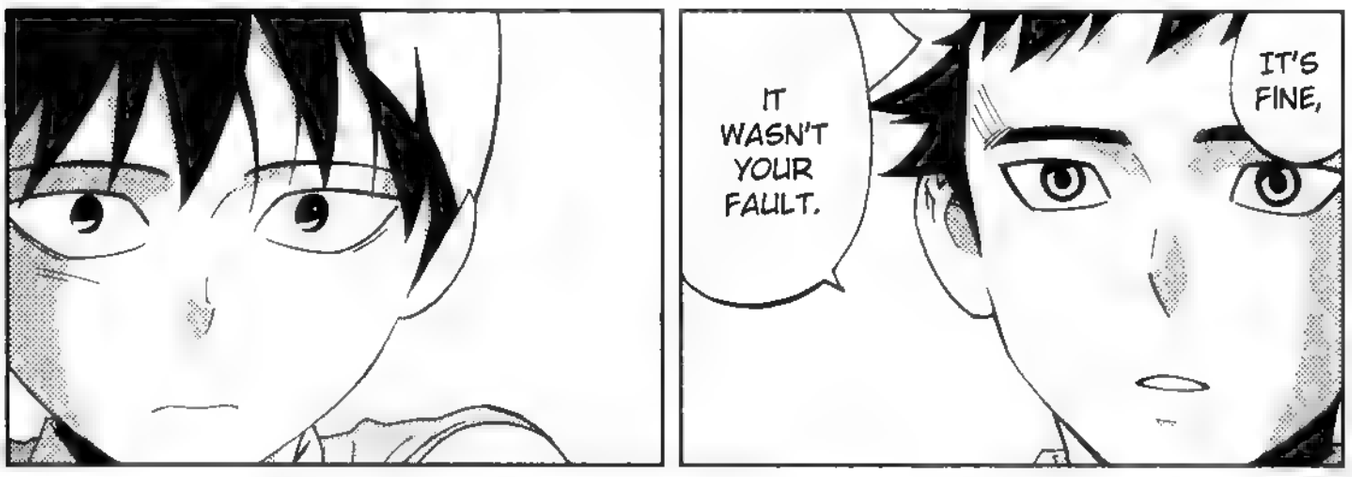
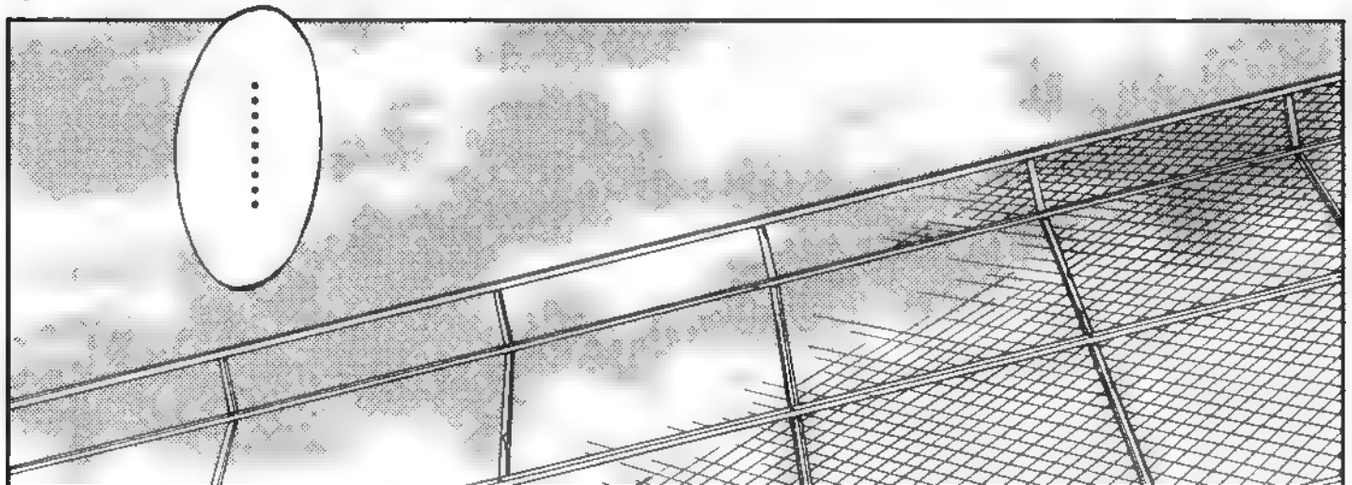
ALL MY BRAKES STOPPED WORKING, AND I SORTA TOTALLY REGRETTED IT AFTERWARDS, BUT THEN I WASN'T SURE WHAT WAS GOING ON AND I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO...
YES, WELL, IT'S LIKE I STOP LOOKING AT MY SURROUNDING WHEN STUFF LIKE THAT HAPPENS?
SO, ERR,
JUST SAYING THERE WASN'T MUCH TIME...
AH, NO!
I'M NOT TRYING TO SAY I DIDN'T CARE WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU!?

I KNEW WHAT I WAS DOING.
IT'S JUST REALLY,

IN SHORT
WHAT I'M SAYING,
SO
ER, ERR...
NO, I DID NOT.
OH?

I'M VERY SORRY,
I SAID...
YOUR NAME ...


IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT.
IT'S FINE,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RIGHT.
INDEED!
I THOUGHT SO TOO!

TELEPATHY?
AH, REMINDS ME.
YOU JUST SAID WE CAN'T USE TELEPATHY UNLESS WE ARE TRANSFORMED?

I'M NOT... COMPLETELY SURE...
MAYBE SOMETHING LIKE BIRD TALK? NO, MAYBE BIRD CHAT... NO, BOTH SOUND TERRIBLE...
THAT'S RIGHT... IF ANYONE ELSE WOULD HEAR US TALK ABOUT TELEPATHY, THEY COULD TOTALLY MISUNDERSTAND... I HAVE TO THINK ABOUT A DIFFERENT NAME RIGHT AWAY...

DAMN! IT SOUNDS VERY AWKWARD TO CALL IT TELEPATHY!

AH, THAT'S RIGHT!
BECAUSE, WE CAN HEAR A NORMAL PERSON'S "VOICE" WHEN HE'S ABOUT TO DIE...
IT'S NO LIKE WE CAN'T USE IT OUTSIDE OUR TRANSFORMATION I GUESS...?
WHEN WE TRANSFORM, OUR POWER OUTPUT INCREASES,
AND IT'S EASIER TO CONTROL IT, BUT...

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH?
WHETHER WE MASTER THIS OR NOT, COULD BE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH.
ANYWAY, WE SHOULD ADD IT TO THE TRAINING MENU OF THE BIRD CLUB.
IT'S PROBABLY RELATED TO THE POWER OUTPUT OF THE SENDER.
I SEE...

WE CAN WORK TOGETHER WITH EXTREME PRECISION.
THERE ARE 5 OF US.
IF WE CAN COMMUNICATE WITHOUT ANY NEED FOR DEVICES,

I'M THINKING THIS COULD BECOME AN ESSENTIAL POINT THAT COULD INFLUENCE THE FUTURE.
YOU HAVE BEEN WORKING ALONE ALL THIS TIME, BUT THINK ABOUT IT.
RIGHT NOW WE AREN'T NEARLY AS STRONG AS YOU ARE.
THAT'S WHY WE ARE TOTALLY DEPENDENT ON YOU, AND I THINK THAT'S NOT A GOOD SITUATION TO BE AT.
YOU SAID THINGS ARE SPEEDING UP, RIGHT?
EVEN YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO KEEP GOING AS YOU USED TO.
IT'S A GUESS, BUT... I THINK BIRDMEN ARE EQUIPPED WITH A SYSTEM THAT ONLY SHOWS IN A GROUP.
THE POWER OF OUR WINGS IS STILL AN UNKNOWN QUANTITY, THERE IS A LOT WE DON'T UNDERSTAND...
BUT I BELIEVE THAT WORKING AS A GROUP WILL OPEN UP MORE POSSIBILITIES.

THE PREVIOUS BLACK OUT...
HM...

IF IT HAD BEEN ANY OF THE OTHER 3,
THEY PROBABLY WOULD HAVE DIED THERE.

I'VE HEARD THE "VOICES" OF MANY PEOPLE CONFRONTED WITH DANGER...
UNTIL NOW .....
EH? .....

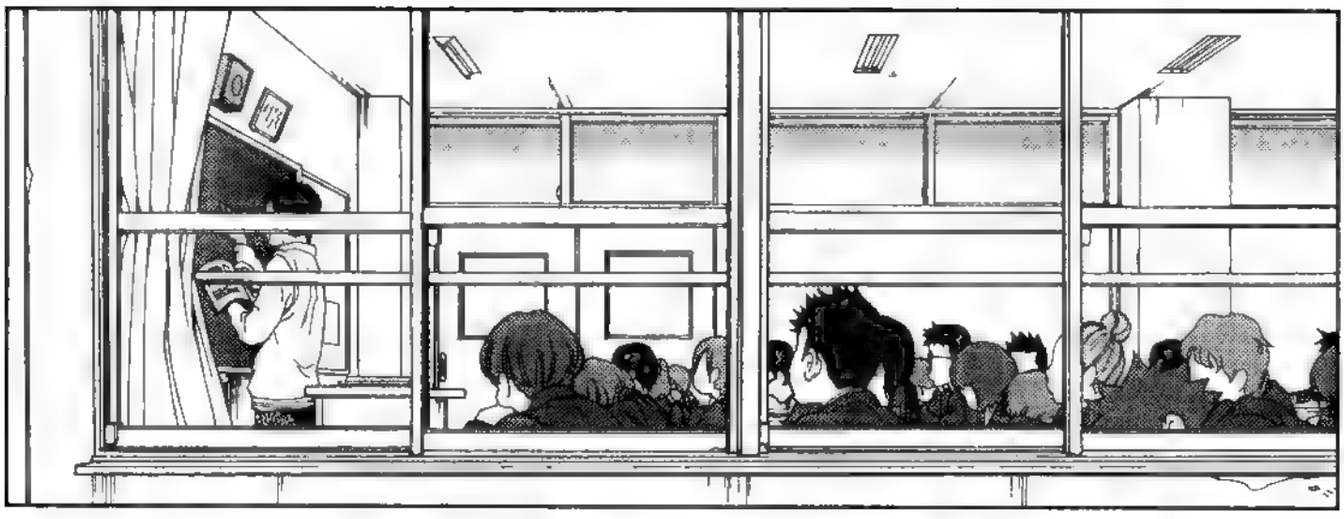
WAS YOURS.
BUT THE LOUDEST "VOICE" OF ALL,

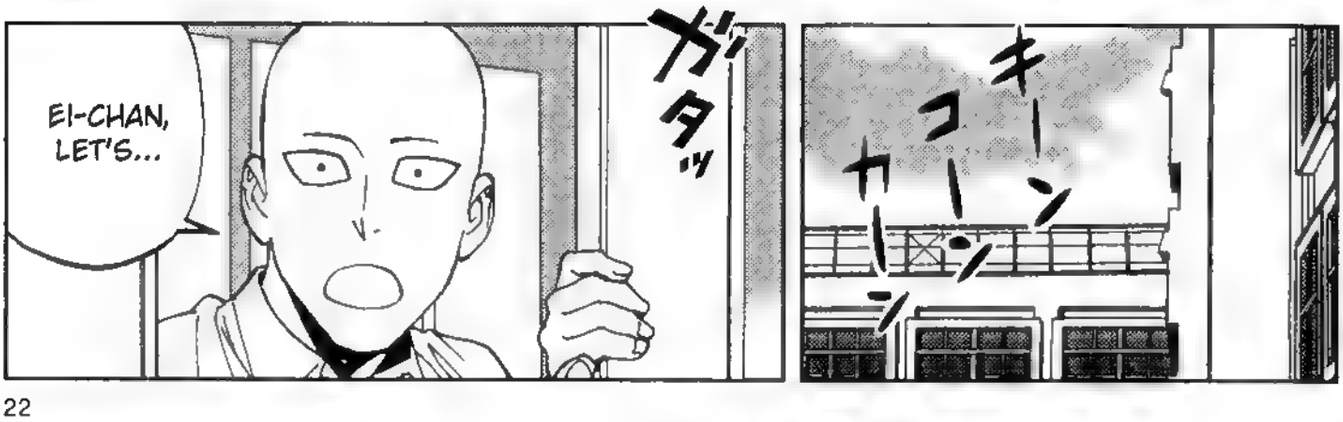
ERR, THE STRENGTH OF THE "VOICE" OF SOMEONE WHO IS IN DANGER IS...
I THINK ...
EH!? SOMEHOW THAT FEELS EMBARRASSING!

RELATED TO...
THE DESIRES OF THEIR HEART.

OF COURSE, YOU DIDN'T DESIRE...
SOMEONE TO SAVE YOU...

BUT,
THERE IS NO DOUBT ABOUT IT THAT YOUR WINGS STRONGLY RESPONDED TO YOUR MIND.

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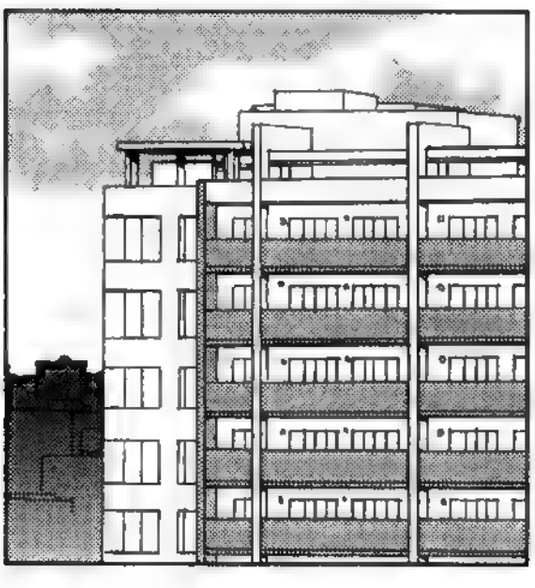

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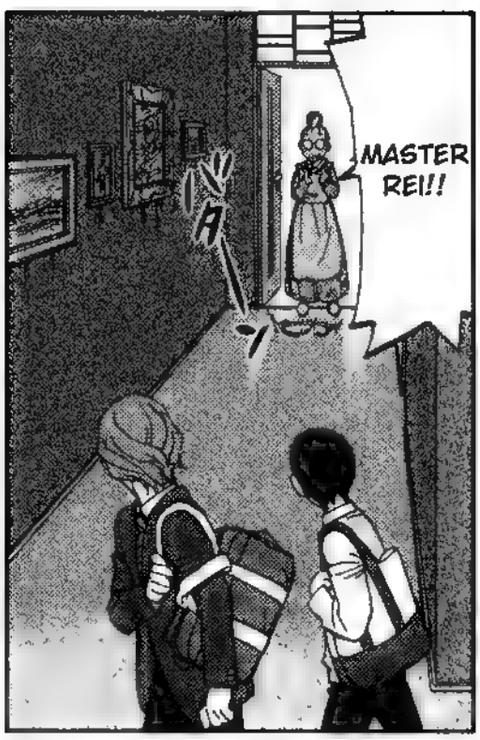

MASTER REI!!

WOW, THAT'S A HIGH CEILING...
EXCUSE... ME...
COME IN.

MY PARENT'S SECRETARIES COME BY TO CHECK ON ME ONCE IN A WHILE.
SHE ISN'T A... SECRETARY, RIGHT?

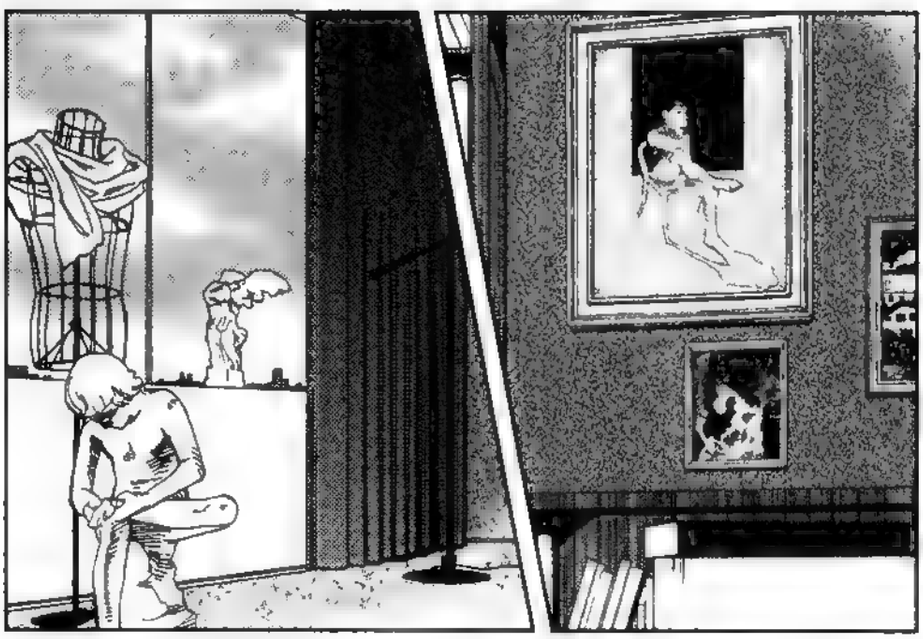
WE'LL BE IN MY ROOM, DON'T BOTHER US.
A FRIEND !?
AH...
NICE TO MEET YOU...
IS HE A FRIEND !?

MY MOTHER RETURNED TO HER NATIVE HOME,
AND MY DAD BARELY VISITS HOME EITHER.

RO...
ROSE JAM...?
IF YOU ADD IT TO YOU TEA, IT'LL MAKE IT SMELL NICE.

JUST LET IT DISSOLVE LIKE THIS, AFTER A WHILE LITTLE ROSE PETALS WILL COVER THE BOTTOM OF YOUR CUP.

A MALE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT SERVING TEA AND MADELEINE CAKE(?)...
ROSE JAM.
WHAT'S THIS RED STUFF?
IT'S PRETTY DIFFERENT FROM KAMODA'S PLACE...



LITTLE PETALS...? WHY...?
WHAT WORLD IS THIS...?

I'VE BEEN THINKING, AND THIS SITUATION IS DANGEROUS.
ERR, LIKE I SAID ON OUR WAY HERE,
SOME THINGS ARE BETTER LEFT A MYSTERY, I BETTER GET ONTO THE POINT ALREADY...

IT'S DANGEROUS TO KEEP GOING LIKE THIS. TAKAYAMA KNOWS SOME THINGS, BUT HE DOESN'T KNOW EVERYTHING.
WE AREN'T ONLY UNAWARE OF A LOT OF INFORMATION, WE ARE ALSO SIMPLE JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS.
SO, TO FIND A WAY TO GET BACK TO NORMAL,
I THINK WE HAVE TO FIND AND GET IN TOUCH WITH SOMEONE
WHO UNDER-STANDS OUR SITUATION.
OUR TRANSFOR-MATION IN ITSELF ISN'T SOMETHING WE NEED OTHER PEOPLE TO KNOW ABOUT, BUT...
I ALSO DON'T THINK OUR WINGS ARE SOME NATURALLY OCCURRING GROWTH . WE DIDN'T OBTAIN THEM THROUGH A NATURAL CAUSE.
IT WOULD BE EVEN WORSE IF SOMEONE GOT WIND OF THAT.

SO,
I CONCLUDED ...
I WANT A COLLABORATOR.

CAN YOU BE MORE SPECIFIC?
I'D LIKE TO SAY: AN ADULT WHOM WE CAN TRUST.
BUT IN THAT CASE WE COULD JUST ASK A CLOSE FRIEND OR RELATIVE...
I THINK IT WOULD BE BETTER TO FIND A SPECIALIST.
BECAUSE
I WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT OUR WINGS.

TO FORM A SQUADRON, YOU WANT A PROFESSOR!
IN SHORT,
YES, YES, YES.
HM.

ALSO, I HAVEN'T TALKED TO THE OTHERS YET,
I THINK WE SHOULDN'T RUSH THE DECISION.
SO IF WE JUST SELECT SOME CANDIDATES, WE CAN MAKE THE FINAL DECISION WITH THE REST.

I AGREE WITH YOU.
THAT'S A SIMPLE WAY TO PUT IT!
THE PROBLEM IS, WHERE ARE WE GOING TO FIND SUCH A PERSON?
IT'S BEEN TAKING ME HOURS TO GET THIS FAR...

I CAN'T TRUST THEM.
WE CAN'T ASK THEM.

WELL, I HAVE MANY DOCTORS AND UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS AMONGST MY RELATIVES, BUT...
YOU SEEM TO HAVE QUITE SOME CONNECTIONS.
ANYONE GOOD?

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I ALWAYS THOUGHT HE LIKED EVERYONE ...
SO EVEN SAGISAWA SAYS SUCH THINGS...
WELL, SINCE WE'RE ONLY LOOKING FOR OPTIONS, IT'S EASY.

IT SHOULDN'T BE TOO HARD TO GET A TOUR SOMEWHERE...
MY DAD'S COMPANY HAS MANY CUSTOMERS WHO OWN LABORATORIES...

BIOLOGIST IS STILL A BIT BROAD.
A BIO-SCIENCE, HUH?
HOW ABOUT BIOLOGIST?

MAYBE A DOCTOR OF SOMETHING...
WHAT KIND OF SPECIALIST ARE WE LOOKING FOR?
COULD YOU BE MORE SPECIFIC, LIKE LIFE SCIENCE...

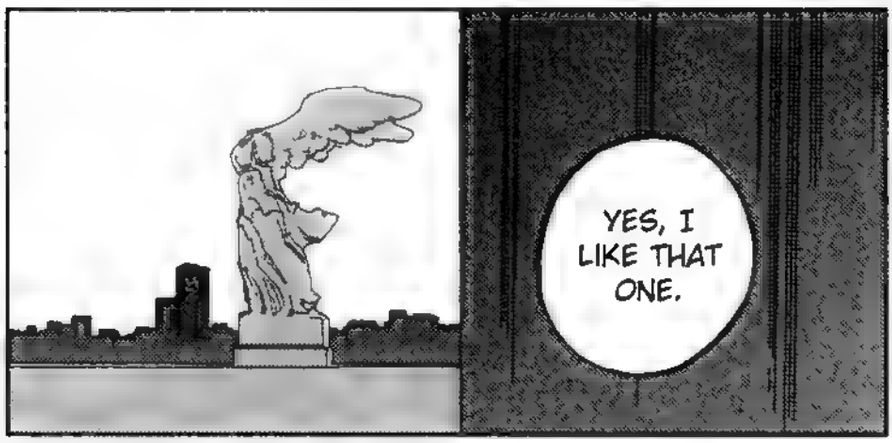
I'M NOT.
YOU THINK I'M TOO PICKY, DON'T YOU?
AH...
HEHE,
IT'S LIKE CHOOSING A FRIEND.
AND I WOULDN'T WANT SOMEONE WHO LOOKS LIKE A TRAITOR, OR LIES, OR CARES TOO MUCH ABOUT MONEY OR IS TOO AGGRESSIVE.
NOT TOO TALKATIVE.
ANY OTHER CONDITIONS? ANY PERSONALITY TRAITS...

SO, WE CAN'T JUST CHOOSE ANYBODY.
BUT I DO THINK IT DEPENDS ON THE OTHER PERSON WHETHER WE'LL GET A HONESTY RESPONSE.

CONDITIONS
ANYTHING ELSE?
EH?
YEAH ...

A GOOD REPUTATION DOESN'T EQUAL BEING TRUSTWORTHY.
WE NEED TO KEEP THAT IN MIND.

NICE TO CHILDREN.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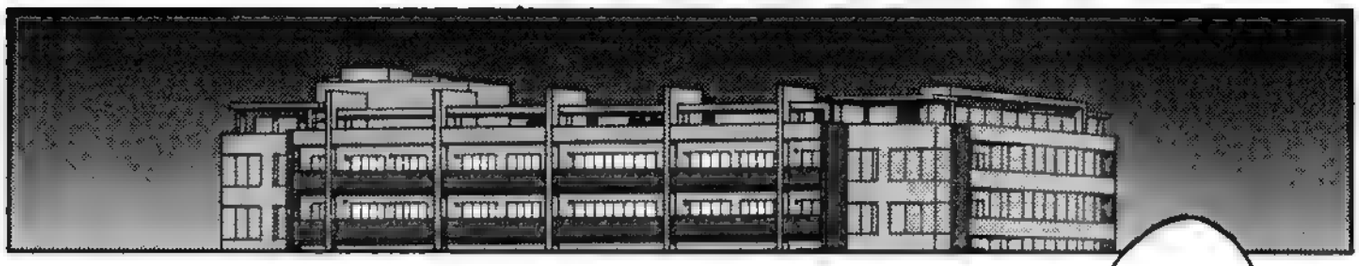
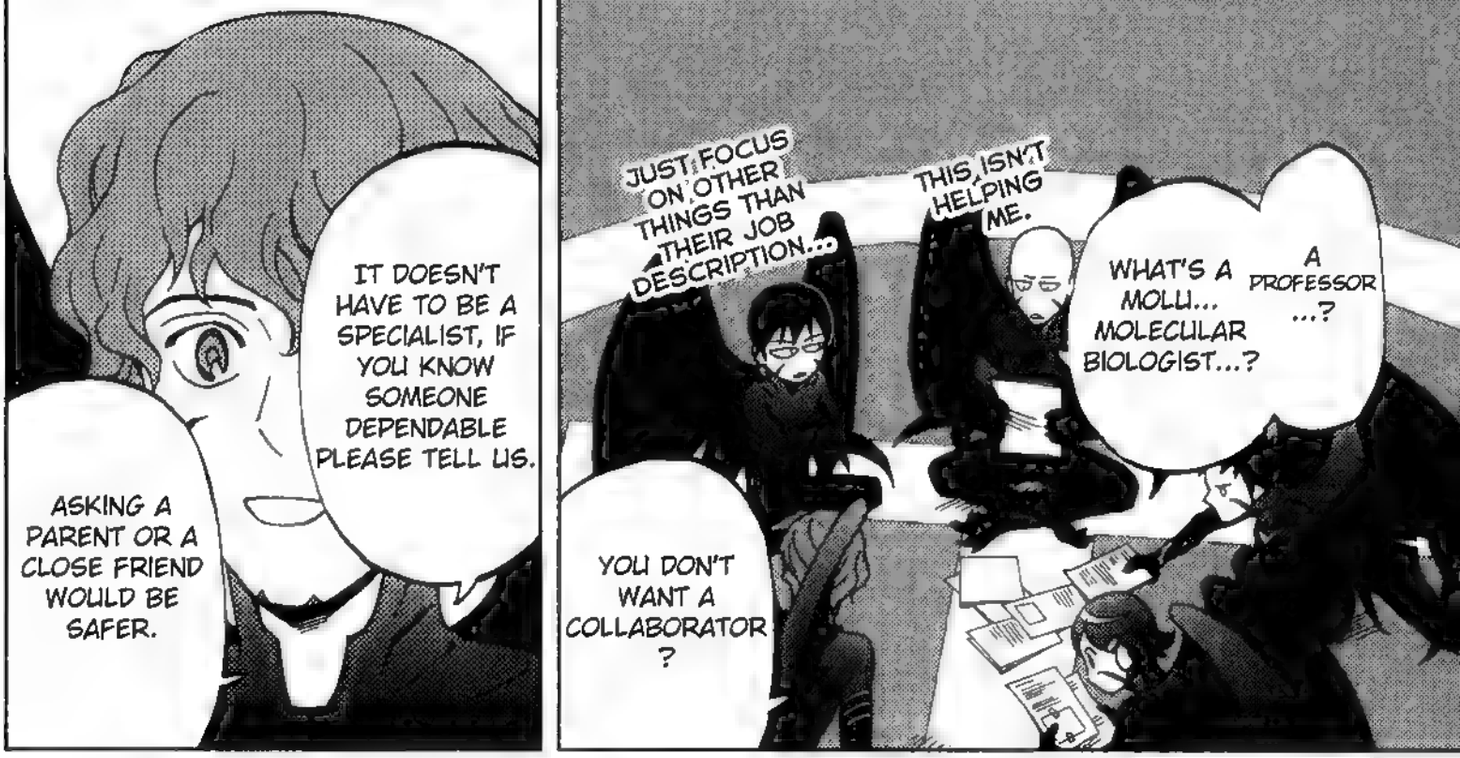
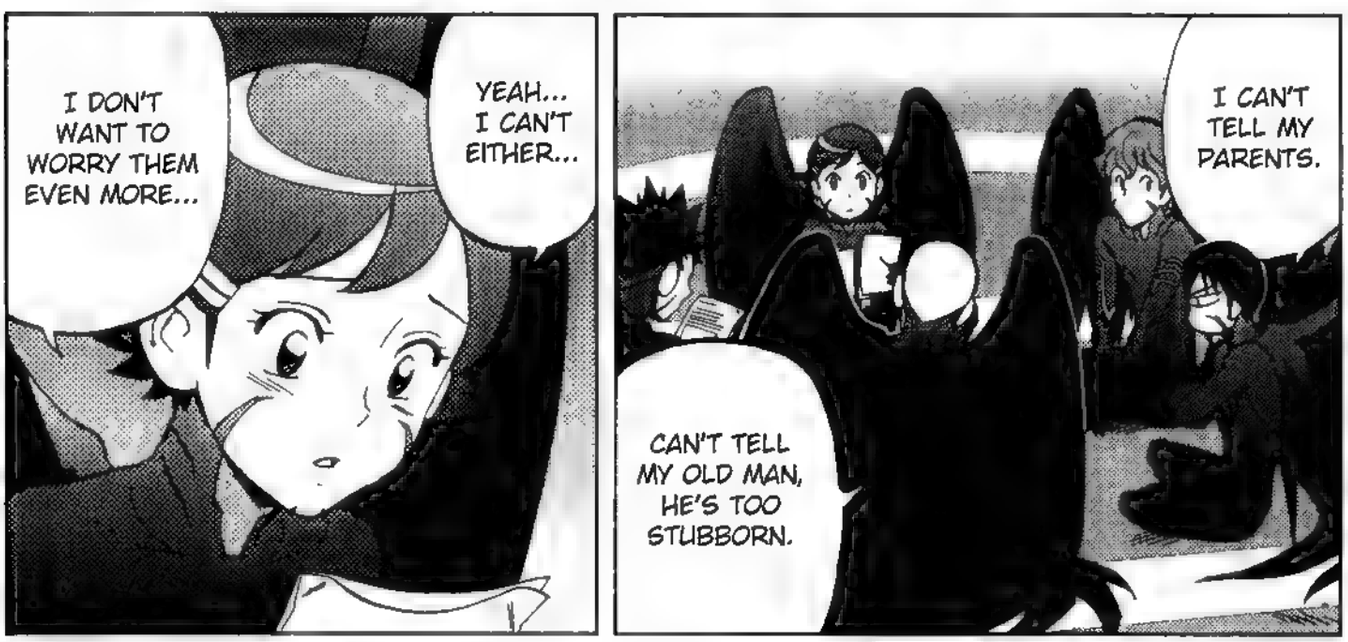


BASED ON THOSE CONDITIONS,
WE PICKED THESE AS CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION OF PROFESSOR...
WE'LL STILL HAVE TO THINK OF A WAY TO GET IN CONTACT,
BUT OF COURSE WE WON'T MAKE A MOVE UNTIL WE ALL AGREE.
Bird Club, second meeting


IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE A SPECIALIST, IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE DEPENDABLE PLEASE TELL US.
ASKING A PARENT OR A CLOSE FRIEND WOULD BE SAFER.
JUST FOCUS ON OTHER THINGS THAN THEIR JOB DESCRIPTION...
THIS ISN'T HELPING ME.
WHAT'S A MOLU... MOLECULAR BIOLOGIST...?
A PROFESSOR ...?
YOU DON'T WANT A COLLABORATOR ?


I DON'T WANT TO WORRY THEM EVEN MORE...
YEAH... I CAN'T EITHER...
I CAN'T TELL MY PARENTS.
CAN'T TELL MY OLD MAN, HE'S TOO STUBBORN.

I DON'T KNOW, HE'S ALWAYS AT HOME...
REJECTED!
WELL... LET'S KEEP THINKING...

A OLD MAN WHO'S NICE TO LITTLE GIRLS, TOO SUSPICIOUS!
TSUBAME, WHAT DOES HE DO?
NO, YOU CAN'T JUST CONDEMN HIM.

AH, IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD LIVES THIS VERY LEARNED MAN!
HE'S BEEN VERY NICE TO ME SINCE I WAS LITTLE!

EH!
YOU KNOW A SCHOLAR!?
I SAID YOU CAN'T JUST CONDEMN...
A MAN OF SUCH SOCIAL STANDING CAN'T BE ANY GOOD.
AH, I KNOW THIS MAN.

I... SAVED HIM.

NO, NO, NO,
CONSIDERING YOU SAVED HIS LIVE,
HE'S A VERY GOOD CANDIDATE... !!!
WAIT, WAIT, WAIT!!
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SO HE KNOWS ABOUT BIRDMEN!?
SAVED!?
AN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF THE BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT OF TOKYO UNIVERSITY...?

SFX: SHOW ME SHOW ME
TAKAYAMA-KUN! WHAT KIND OF PERSON IS HE!?
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AH, HE LOOKS PRETTY COOL!
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S FATE!?
I WATCHED ONE OF HIS CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND THOUGHT HE WAS REALLY GREAT!!
AH! THAT GUY!!
HE'S UGLY, BUT HIS SPECS ARE FINE...

I JUST HELPED HIM UP AFTER HE GOT STABBED BY A WOMAN AND FELL...
WE MET IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT.
WELL...

EH?
.....

-PRO- -
FES-
-SOR-

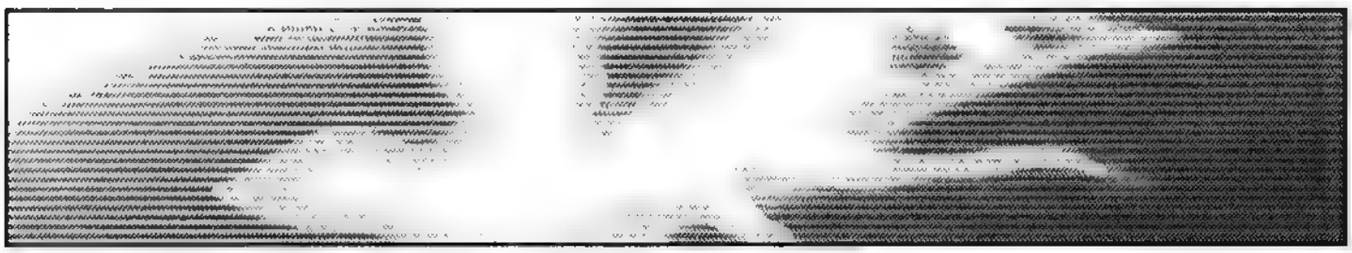
ARE YOU STILL UP?
HOW DID YOU GET IN?

OH, THAT KID HAS WINGS.
BUT HE CAN'T FLY.

THERE IS NO EPIDEMIC.
ANOTHER BORING SIMULATION?
AFTER I FIND THE RIGHT ALGORITHM.
WHY DON'T YOU COME TO MY SHOP INSTEAD?

I JUMPED OVER THE WALL.
THE SECURITY OF THIS PLACE IS VERY POOR.

HE'S NOT A BIRD.
HE LOOKS LIKE A CHIMERA.
SIMULATING THE EVOLUTION OF BIRDS?



SOU-KUN...
Associate professor of Tokyo University, department of science and technology, biological science
Evolutionary Biologist
Tatsume Naoyuki (42)

BUT HE'S A GOOD MAN, TATSUME-SAN.
HE SHOWS A LOT OF PROBLEMATIC BEHAVIOR, IS VERY IMMATURE, STUBBORN AND HATES TO GIVE UP,

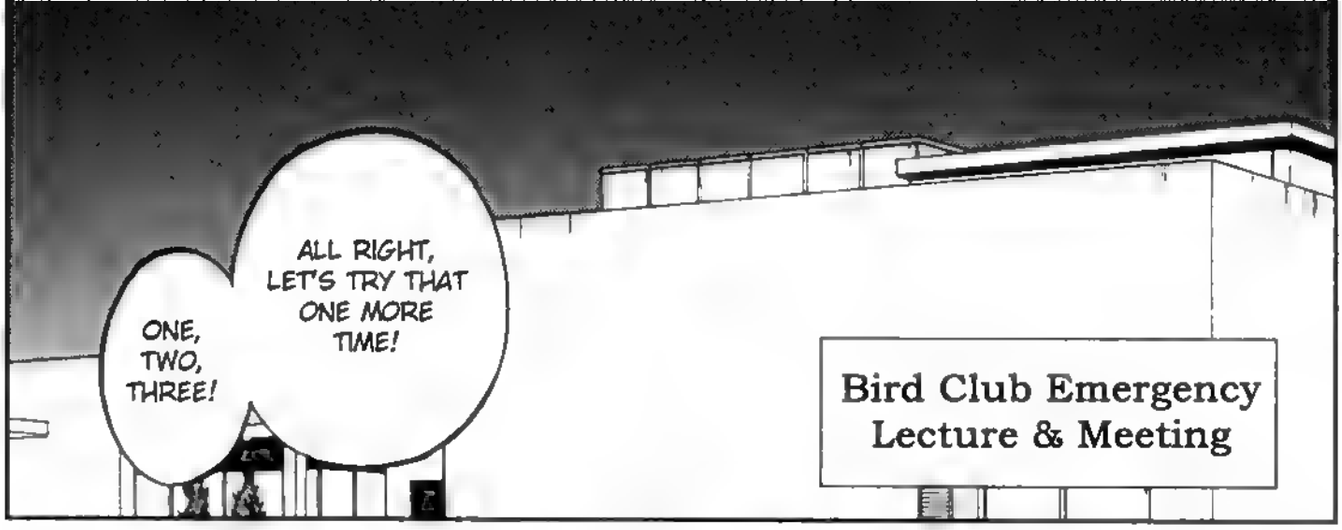
GO HOME.
I COULD TELL YOU HOW THEY DIE?

バードメン
BIRDMEN

NOTES

CREDITS

RECRUITING!
WE NEED
TRANSLATORS FOR
MANGA VOLUMES
PLUS ANY NEW SERIES WE WANT TO DO
CLEANERS AND TYPESETTERS
REWRITERS
QUALITY CHECKER
CONTACT US HERE



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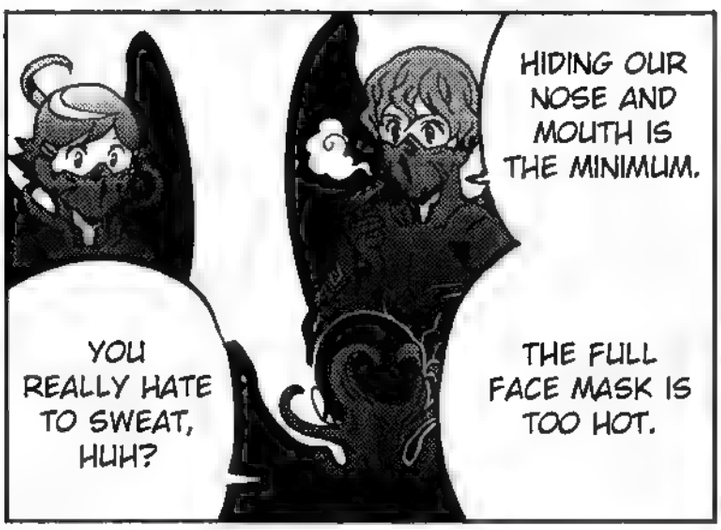
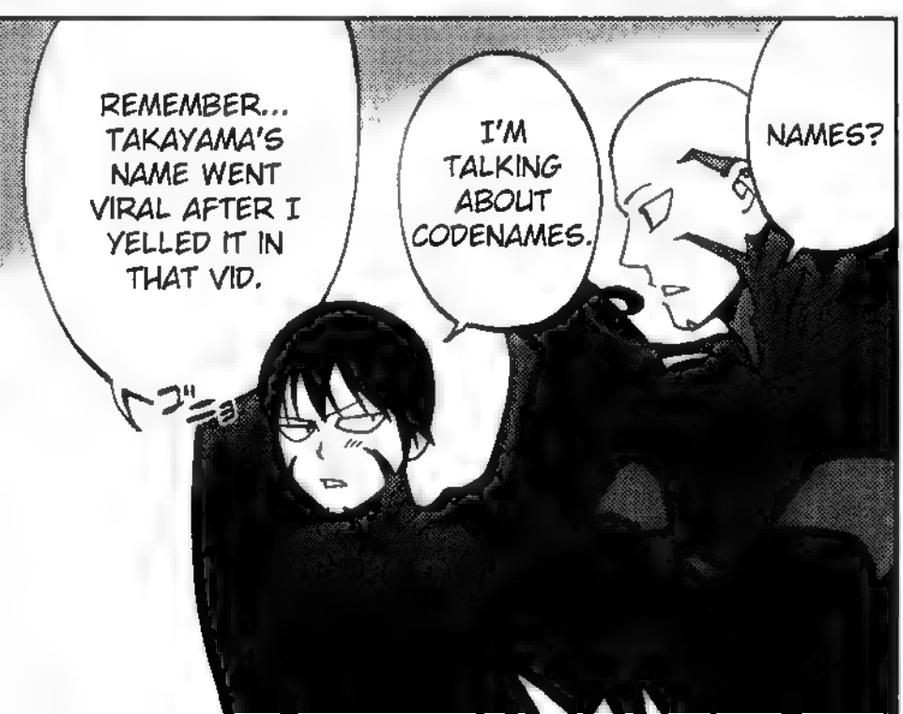
I THINK HAVING THE ABILITY TO GROW BLACK WINGS ALREADY MAXED OUT OUR CREEPINESS.
LOOK LIKE SOME SORT OF GANG.
THESE MASKS REALLY MAX OUT OUR CREEPINESS.


YOU REALLY HATE TO SWEAT, HUH?
HIDING OUR NOSE AND MOUTH IS THE MINIMUM.
THE FULL FACE MASK IS TOO HOT.

ANYWAY WE SHOULD MAKE IT A RULE TO WEAR A MASK WHILE WE'RE FLYING, SO THAT NO ONE FINDS OUT WHO WE ARE.


REMEMBER... TAKAYAMA'S NAME WENT VIRAL AFTER I YELLED IT IN THAT VID.
I'M TALKING ABOUT CODENAMES.
NAMES?

WHAT ABOUT OUR NAMES?
SO...

SO...WE'RE LOOKING FOR CODENAMES TO HIDE OUR REAL IDENTITIES, HUH?
SINCE WE'RE STARTING TO LOOK LIKE SOME SORT OF SQUADRON, CAN'T WE JUST GO WITH COLOR
SQUADRON ...
IDI,
OH, THAT WAS A VERY LAME WAY TO OUT HIM!
MAKES YOU LOOK LIKE AN IDIOT...
WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT WAYS TO OUT EACH OTHER!!

T/N :SQUADRON A.K.A. POWER RANGERS!

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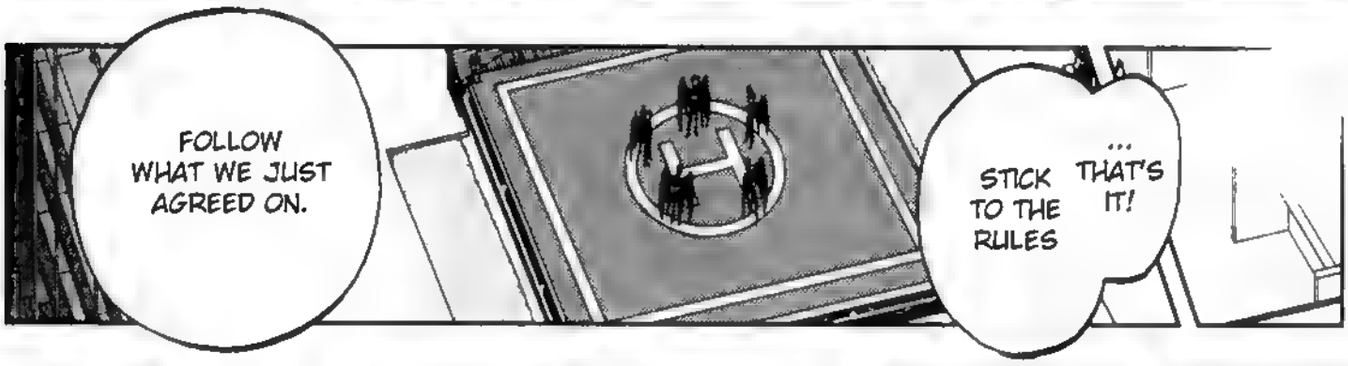
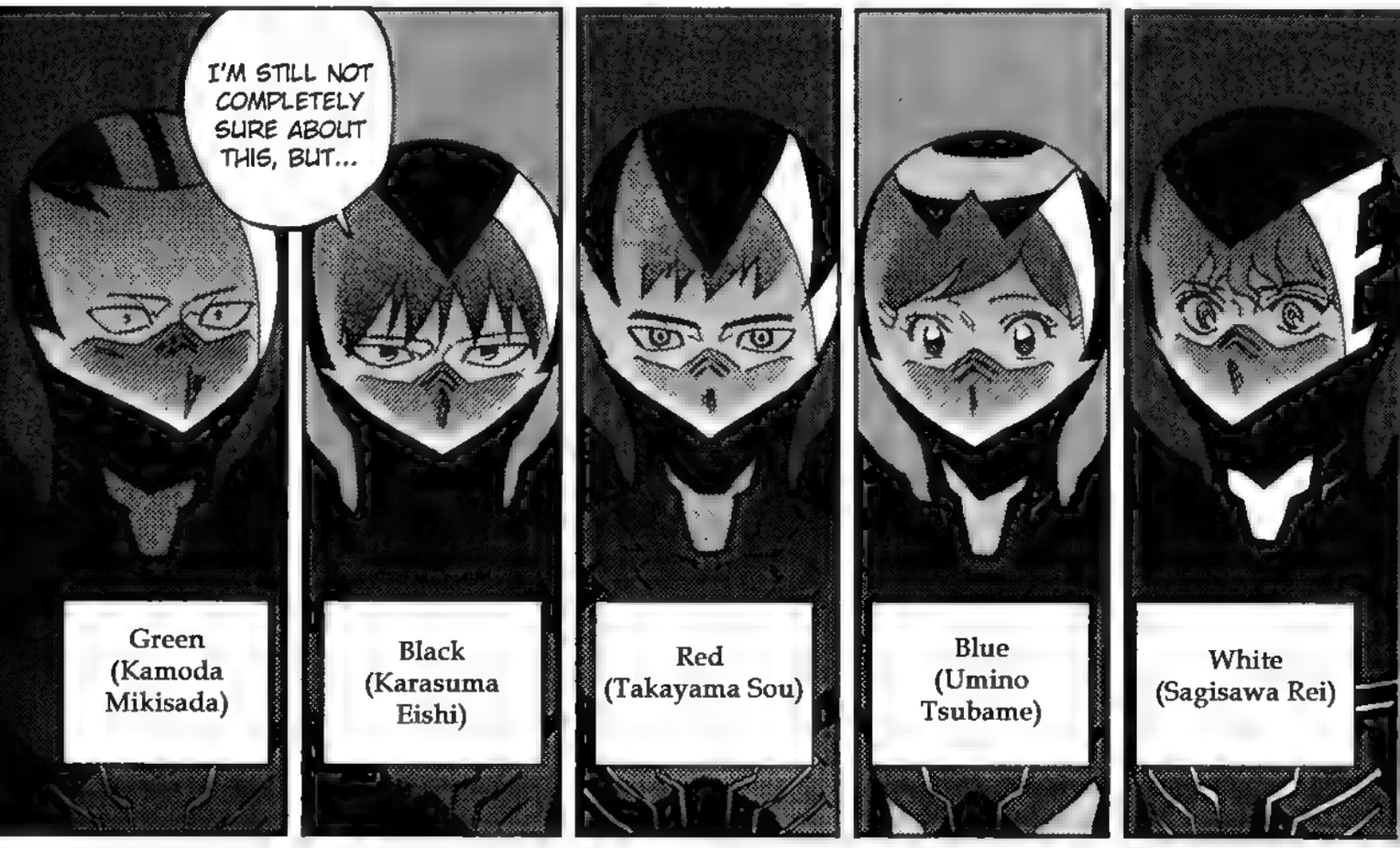
IN JAPAN THERE'S A SAYING THAT GOES LIKE: "KAMOGANEGI WO SHOTTEKURU", LITERALLY MEANING: " A DUCK BRINGING ALONG A LEEK (FOR THE HOT POT)". NOT SO LITERALLY IT MEANS: " BE IN DOUBLE LUCK". 5

I'M FINE WITH ANYTHING.
I'LL GET USED TO IT. I'LL GET USED TO IT. I'LL GET USED TO IT.
AH, I FORGOT TO ASK. TAKAYAMA-KUN, ARE YOU ALRIGHT BEING RED?


FOLLOW WHAT WE JUST AGREED ON.
STICK TO THE RULES
... THAT'S IT!


I'M STILL NOT COMPLETELY SURE ABOUT THIS, BUT...
Green (Kamoda Mikisada)
Black (Karasuma Eishi)
Red (Takayama Sou)
Blue (Umino Tsubame)
White (Sagisawa Rei)

START!!
PROJECT

LAST TRAIN LEFT ALREADY. COME TO MY STORE.
.....
CALL A TAXI.
NOO!!
UGHA!!
AH, WAIT! PROFESSOR!
TOO FAST!
GO HOME.

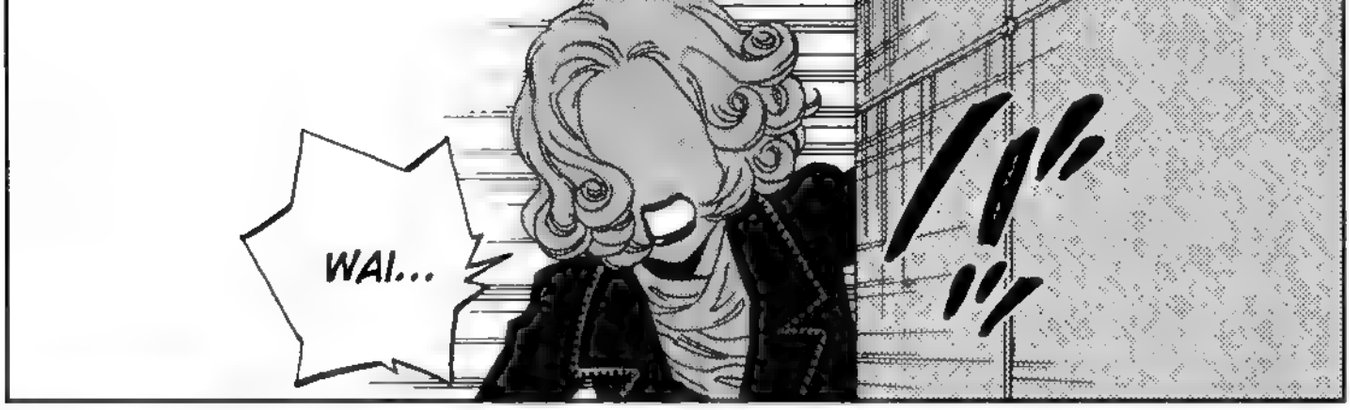
I'M SORRY, YOUR FAKE NAIL CAME OFF.
OH,
WHAT, THAT CAN'T BE!
LET - GO - - OF - ME...
THEN, CALL A TAXI FOR ME.
AND LET'S GO TO HEAVEN TOGETHER...

AAH!!
AAA
AA
GEH!

TOOK OFF HER HEELS!
SHE'S SERIOUS !!
YIPES !!

YOU...
OLD BASTARD !!

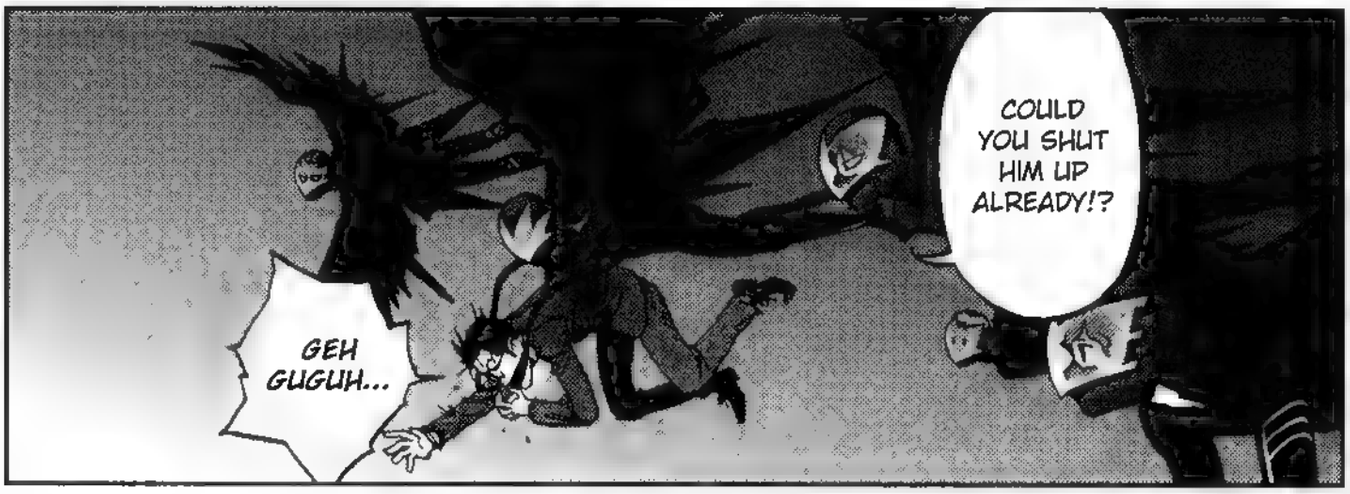
NO GOOD! I SHOULDN'T HAVE NEGLECTED MY HEALTH!!
I CAN BARELY BREATHE...
MY HEART!! HELP ME! SOMEONE HELP ME!!
AT THIS RATE, I'LL GO TO HE.....
HELL?


WAI...

OH?
GONE?

TATSUME-SAN IS ALSO A VERY "LOUD" PERSON...
YOU SURE HE ISN'T A BIRDMAN?
YOU REALLY WEREN'T KIDDING ABOUT BEING ABLE TO FIND HIM IF YOU GOT CLOSE ENOUGH?
WHAT'S GOING ON!?
WHAT !?

IS THAT YOU!?
SOU-KUN!?


COULD YOU SHUT HIM UP ALREADY!?
GEH GUGUH...

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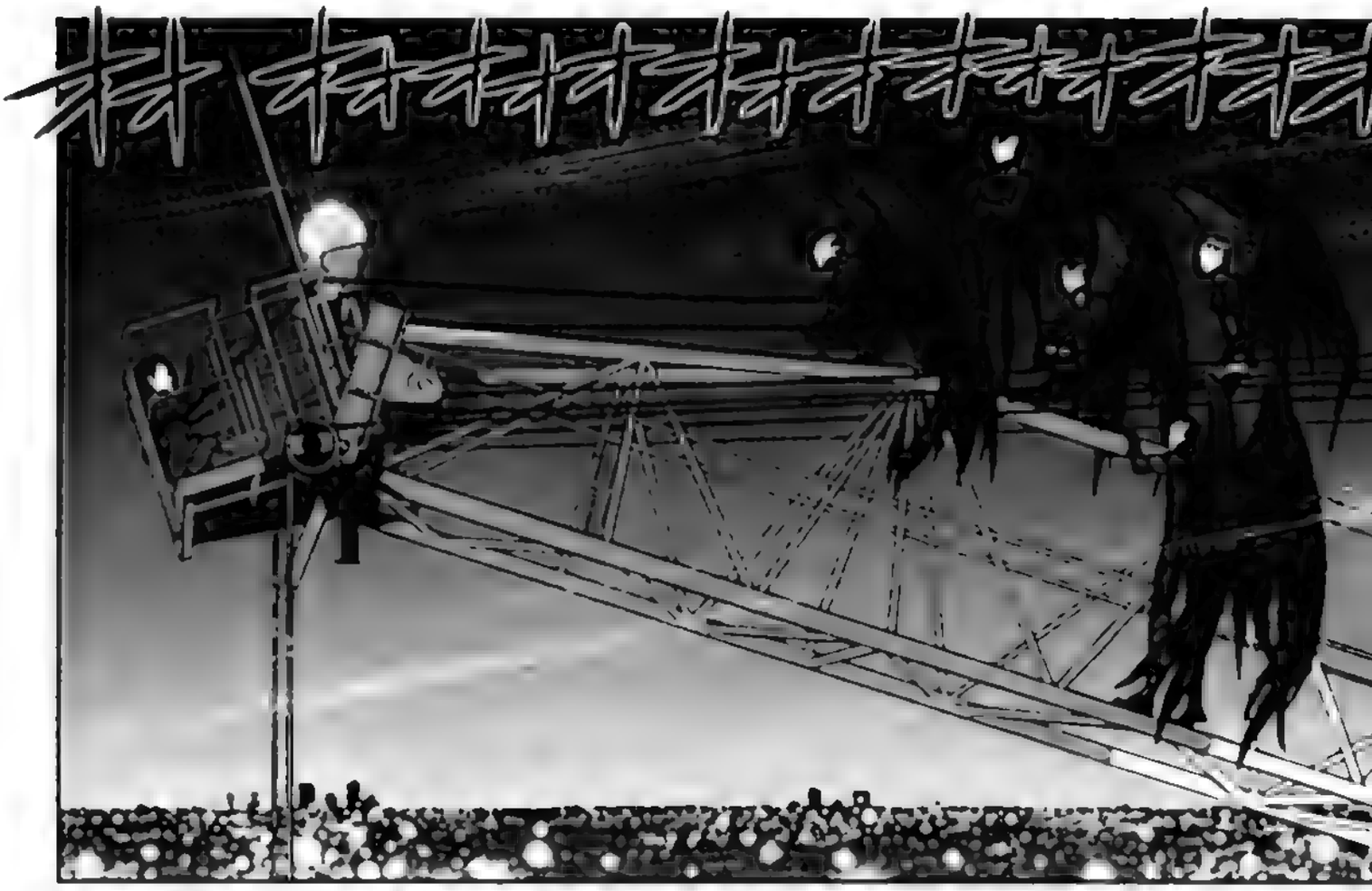

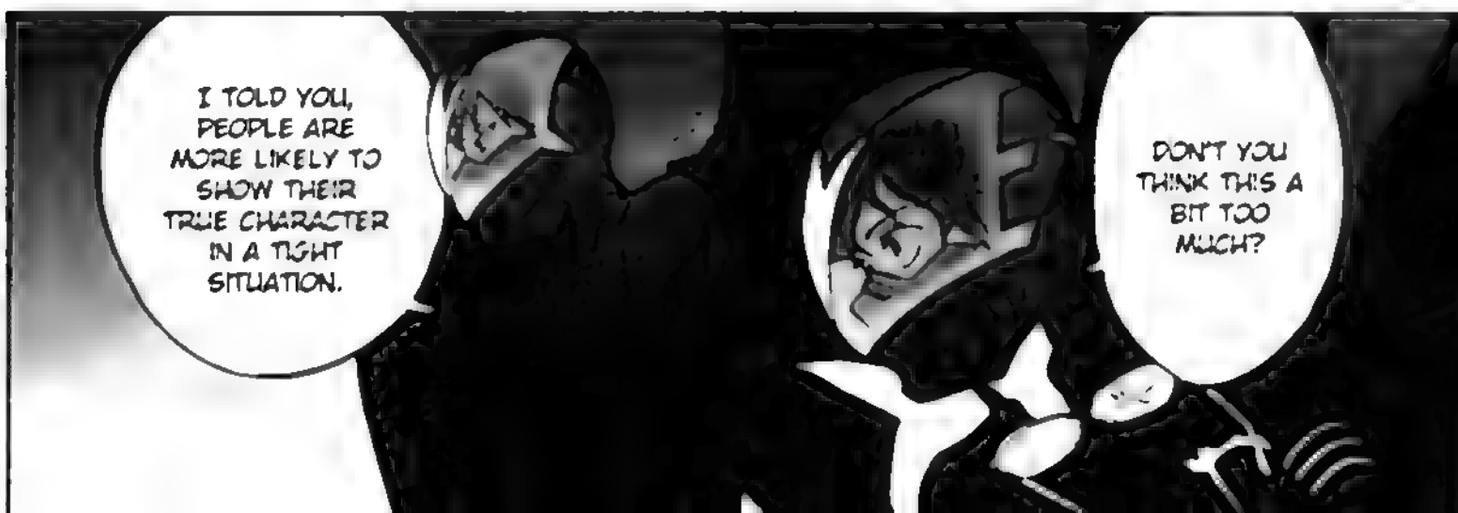
I TOLD YOU, PEOPLE ARE MORE LIKELY TO SHOW THEIR TRUE CHARACTER IN A TIGHT SITUATION.
DON'T YOU THINK THIS A BIT TOO MUCH?

BUT I FIGURED IT WOULD BE REALLY WRONG, SO I CRIED AND SUPPRESSED THE URGE...
I REALLY WANTED TO!
YOU KNOW, I REALLY WANTED TO TAKE PICTURES OF YOU...
HE'S DEFINITELY A STALKER...
A STALKER ...?

THESE GUYS HERE WANT TO TALK TO YOU...

TATSUME-SAN, I'M NOT HERE TO TALK ABOUT THAT.
I NEVER MEANT TO BOTHER YOU!!
I'M SORRY! I'M VERY SORRY!!
FORGIVE ME!!

BECAUSE WE EXCHANGED CONTACT INFORMATION.
I ALREADY THOUGHT IT WAS STRANGE THAT HE KNEW YOUR NAME, BUT WHY DOES HE ALSO KNOW YOUR HOME ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER?
NO, WAIT.
YOU FIRST.

IS IT BECAUSE I OBSERVED YOUR SCHOOL?
I JUST REALLY WANTED TO SEE YOUR NORMAL SELF, EVEN IF IT WAS ONLY ONCE...

I THOUGHT OF ENTERING THE SCHOOL GROUNDS, FINDING YOUR CLASSROOM AND SEARCHING YOUR SHOE CUPBOARD, BUT I DIDN'T DO ANY OF THAT!!
AND FROM FAR AWAY!
IT WAS JUST ONE TIME! ONE TIME!
HM ...?

IF I CAN'T WATCH OVER YOUR GROWTH FROM CLOSE UP, AT LEAST LET ME FROM FAR AWAY...
I MEAN, I CAN'T BE HELPED, I'M WORRIED ABOUT YOU!!!
(YOU SHOULD CONSIDER MY FEELINGS TOO!!)

I SHOULD AT LEAST BE ALLOWED TO WATCH YOU FROM FAR AWAY, USE THE INTERNET TO DO RESEARCH ON YOU AND FANTASIZE ABOUT YOU IN MY HEAD, RIGHT!?
BELIEVE ME! I STOPPED CALLING AND UNEXPECTEDLY VISITING YOU AT YOUR HOME JUST AS I PROMISED.

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YOU FIRST.

WHY DID YOU GIVE HIM YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION!?
WE AREN'T CLOSE.

WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SO!!
ARE YOU THAT CLOSE!?
WHAT !?

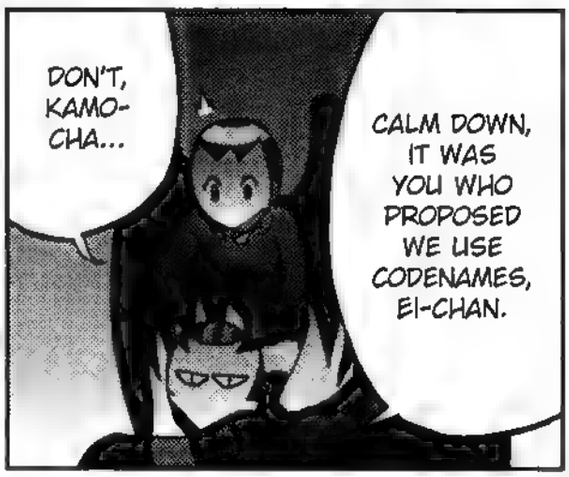
HE SAID HE'D KILL HIMSELF IF I DIDN'T TELL HIM...

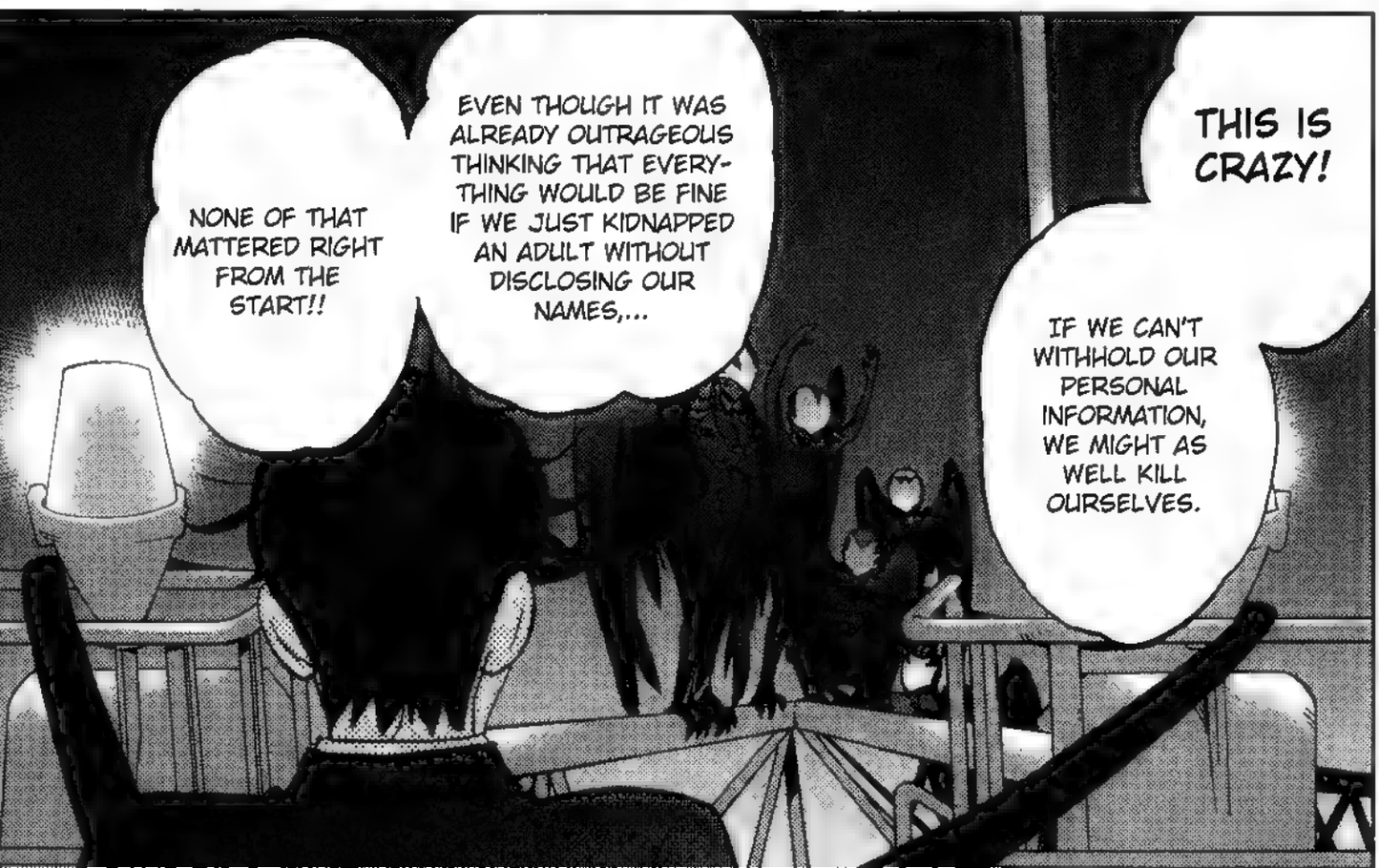
SHUT UP, YOU PERVERT !!!
NO!!
I WAS SERIOUS!

ERR... I DON'T THINK HE WAS SERIOUS ABOUT KILLING HIMSELF IF...
JUST ...
JUST ...
THAT SOUNDS SERIOUS.
COULD BE DANGEROUS.

CALM DOWN! HIS NAME IS "RED", BLACK!
SHUT UP!!
WHY DID I EVEN BOTHER WITH APOLO-GIZING TO YOU!?
YOU CALL THAT PRIVACY MANAGE-MENT!?
STOP JOKING AROUND, TAKAYAMA!!!
WHAT ARE YOU!?

ARE YOU ALL STUPID!!?
OH!

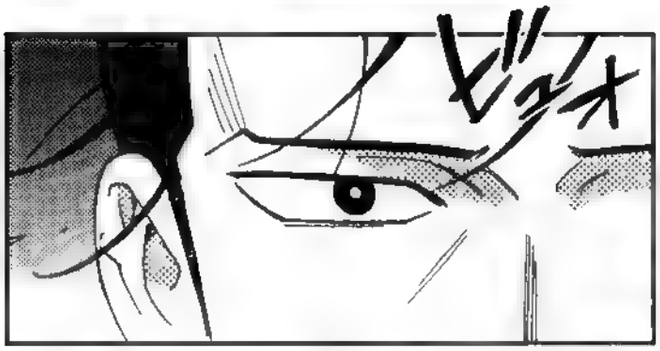

DON'T, KAMO-CHA...
CALM DOWN, IT WAS YOU WHO PROPOSED WE USE CODENAMES, EI-CHAN.


NONE OF THAT MATTERED RIGHT FROM THE START!!
EVEN THOUGH IT WAS ALREADY OUTRAGEOUS THINKING THAT EVERY-THING WOULD BE FINE IF WE JUST KIDNAPPED AN ADULT WITHOUT DISCLOSING OUR NAMES,...
THIS IS CRAZY!
IF WE CAN'T WITHHOLD OUR PERSONAL INFORMATION, WE MIGHT AS WELL KILL OURSELVES.

I DON'T GET WHAT ANY OF YOU ARE SAYING
WAIT...

YOU ARE STRANGERS TO ME, BUT WHAT DID YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT?
IT'S THOSE FOUR THAT NEED SOMETHING FROM ME?

WELL, I DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAD ANY FRIENDS...
YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS DIDN'T BRING ME HERE, BECAUSE YOU'RE ANGRY AND WANT TO PUNISH ME?
SOU-KUN,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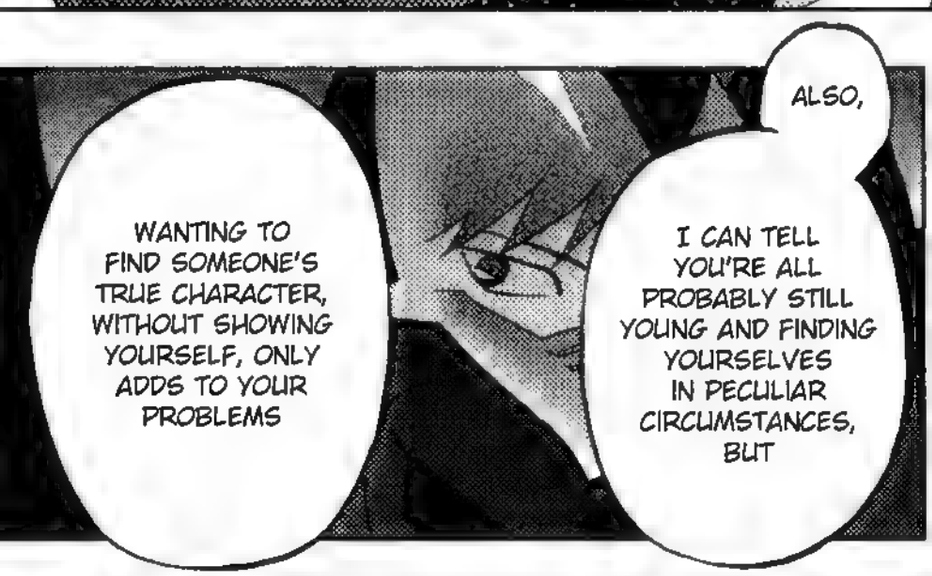
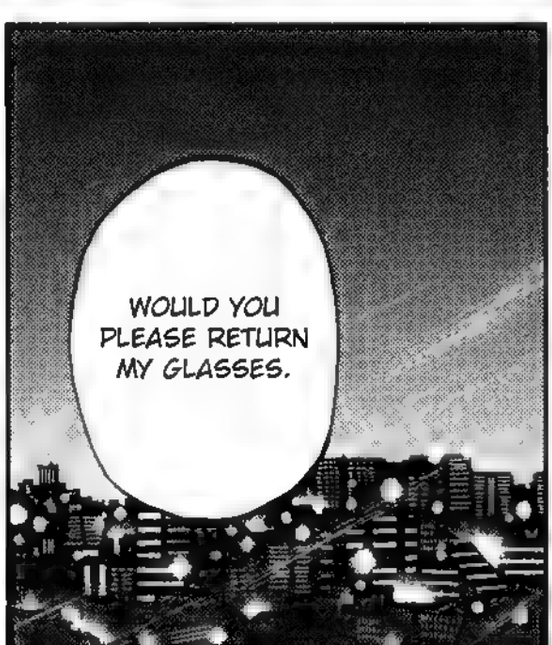
IN THAT CASE, COULD WE CHANGE OUR LOCATION?

IF YOU DO ANYTHING UNNECESSARY, YOU WILL BE PUNISHED.
DEPENDS ON WHAT TYPE OF PERSON YOU ARE.
.....
WHETHER OR NOT WE CAN GET ONTO THE MAIN SUBJECT,

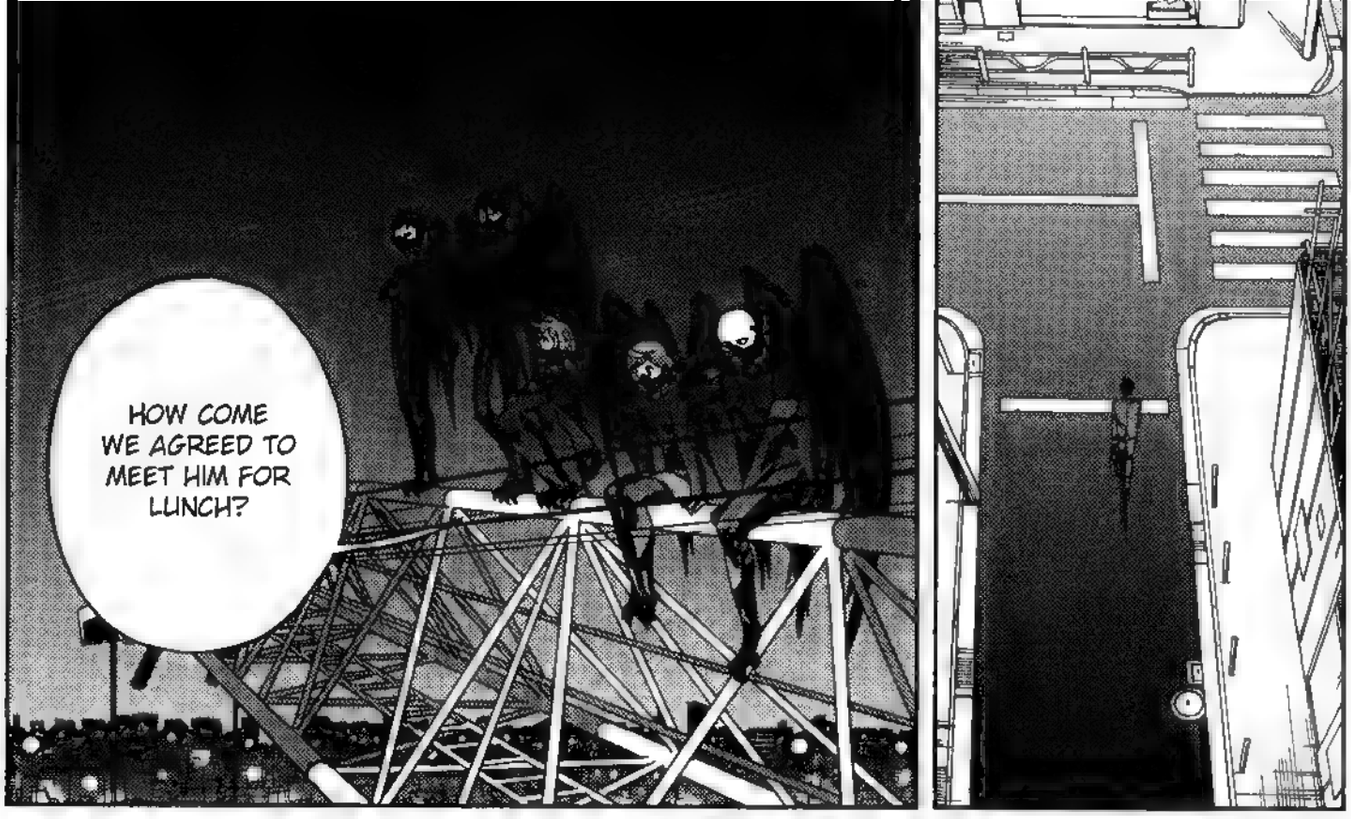
IF YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT ME, LET'S FIND A PLACE WHERE WE CAN TALK.
THIS ISN'T FAIR.


ALSO,
WANTING TO FIND SOMEONE'S TRUE CHARACTER, WITHOUT SHOWING YOURSELF, ONLY ADDS TO YOUR PROBLEMS
I CAN TELL YOU'RE ALL PROBABLY STILL YOUNG AND FINDING YOURSELVES IN PECULIAR CIRCUMSTANCES, BUT

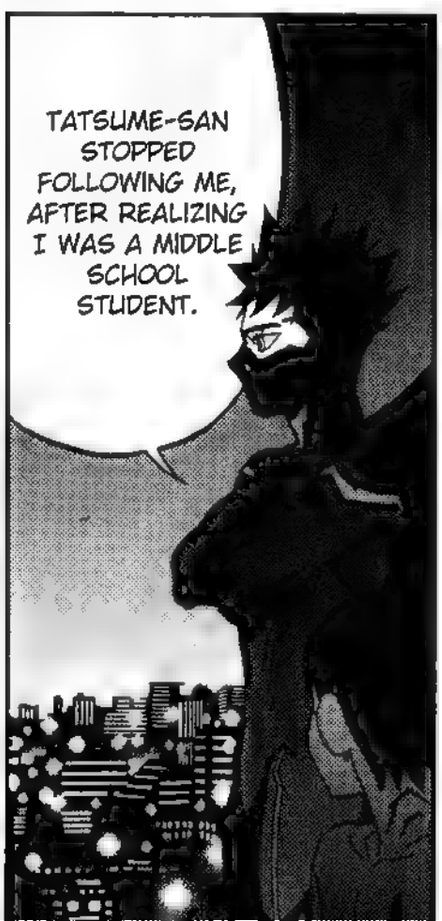
LISTEN.
I NEVER INTENDED TO TELL ANYONE ABOUT SOU-KUN.


WOULD YOU PLEASE RETURN MY GLASSES.

SO FOR NOW...


HOW COME WE AGREED TO MEET HIM FOR LUNCH?

AND I HAVE A FEELING HE PERSUADED US WHEN HE SAID THIS WASN'T FAIR.
BECAUSE HE ISN'T RUNNING AWAY...


TATSUME-SAN STOPPED FOLLOWING ME, AFTER REALIZING I WAS A MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT.

I THINK WE CAN TRUST HIM.
I HOPE HE'LL AGREE TO BE OUR PROFES-SOR.

"YOUR FUTURE IS MORE IMPORTANT, THAN MY RESEARCH OR CURIOSITY".

THAT'S WHAT HE SAID.

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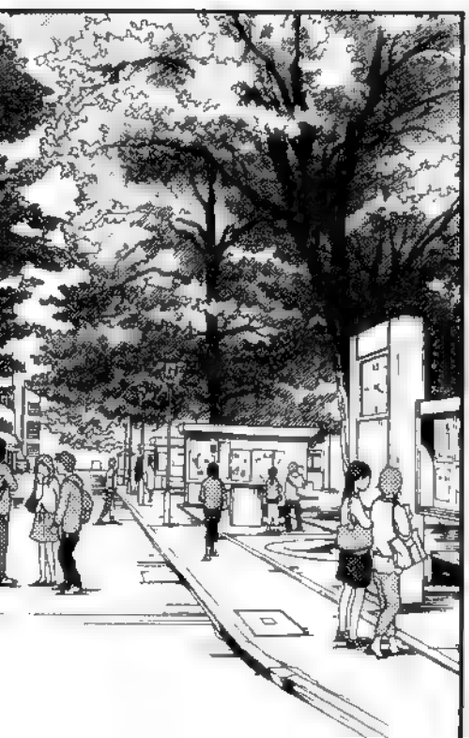

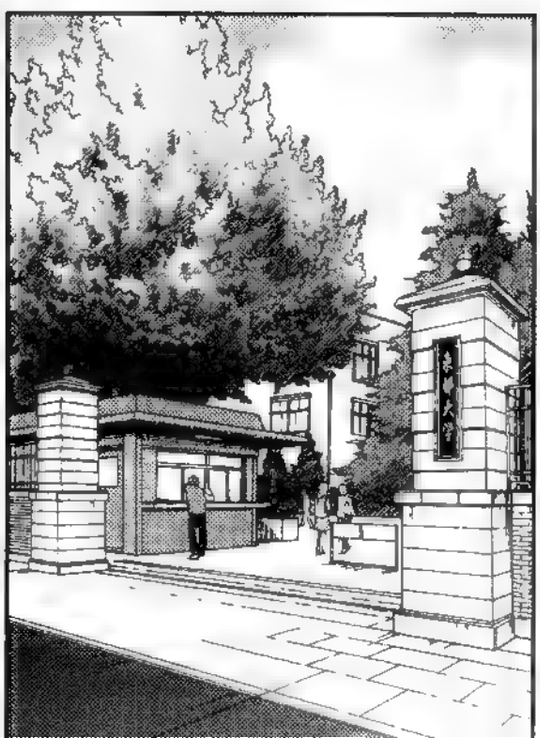

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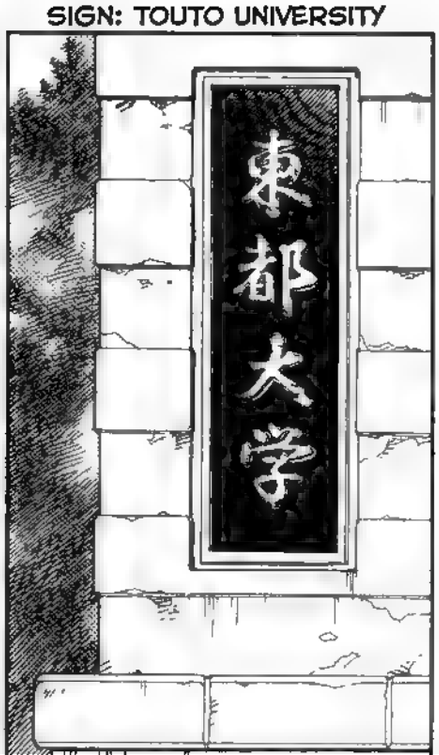
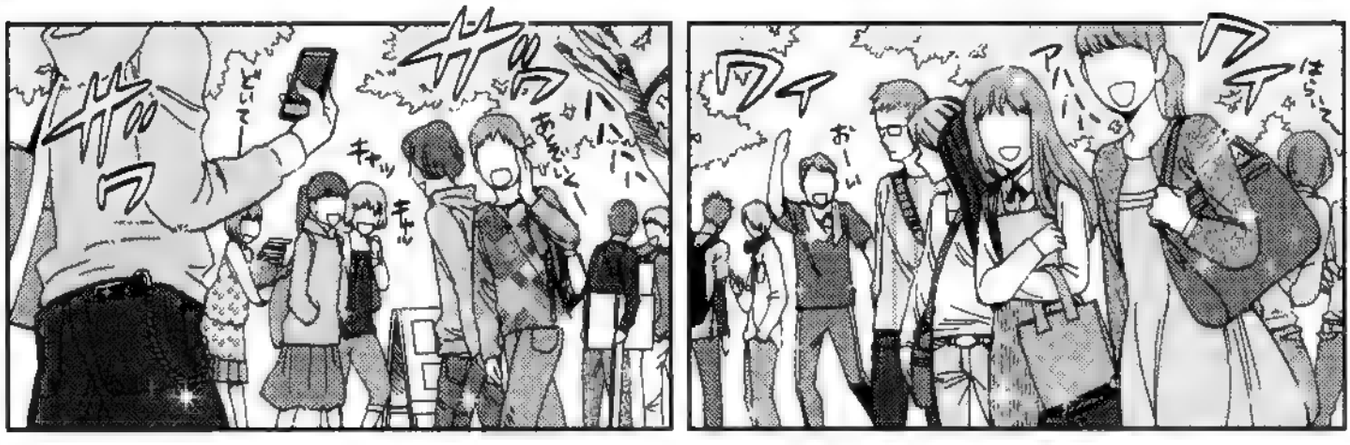


HE TRICKED US.



I want to go home.

I really

I'M A TRUE WORKAHOLIC. SEEING MY WORKPLACE WILL BE YOUR FIRST STEP TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ME.
PLEASE VISIT ME AT MY RESEARCH LAB.
MAYBE IT'S JUST ME, BUT I FEEL LIKE HE JUST LURED US INTO HIS TERRITORY...!

THIS IS NOT THE TIME FOR NEW STUDENTS TO ENROLL, WE TOTALLY STAND OUT IN THIS CROWD OF MERRY UNIVERSITY STUDENTS...
WHY IS THE GUY NEXT TO ME NOT WEARING HIS FULL UNIFORM...?
WHY IS HE WEARING THAT STRANG WIG AND GIVING EVERYONE A DEATH GLARE ...?
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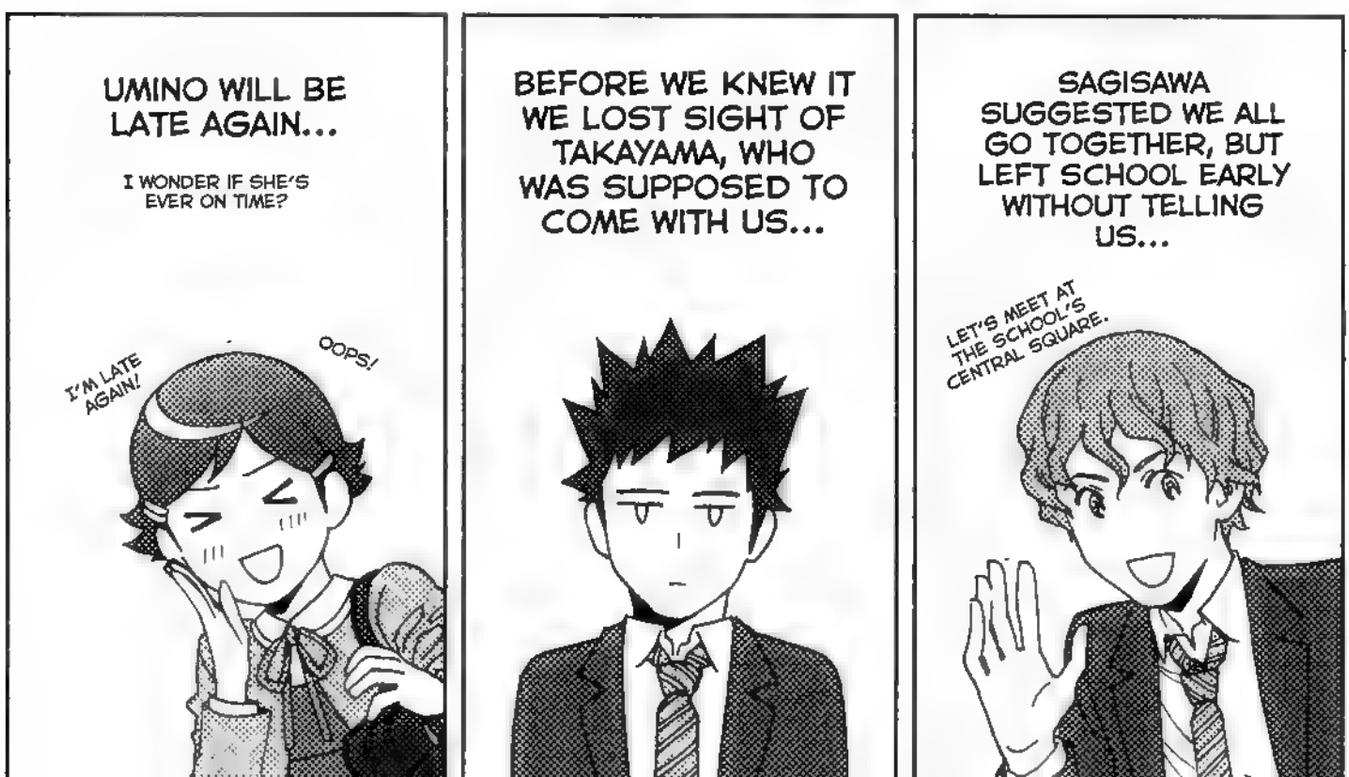
UMINO WILL BE LATE AGAIN...
I WONDER IF SHE'S EVER ON TIME?
I'M LATE AGAIN!
OOPS!
BEFORE WE KNEW IT WE LOST SIGHT OF TAKAYAMA, WHO WAS SUPPOSED TO COME WITH US...
SAGISAWA SUGGESTED WE ALL GO TOGETHER, BUT LEFT SCHOOL EARLY WITHOUT TELLING US...
LET'S MEET AT THE SCHOOL'S CENTRAL SQUARE.

HOW DID I END UP ENTERING ENEMY TERRITORY WITH THIS WEIRDO...?
EVERYONE'S SO FLASHY.
IT'S TOO MUCH ...

WE'RE FINE!
STOP IT!
WHAT?
DON'T WORRY!!

SHALL I SHOW YOU AROUND?
ARE YOU LOST?
YOU'RE SO YOUNG!
A SCHOOL TRIP?
WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING HERE?

UNIVERSITIES ARE SCARY!!!
THIS ISN'T FAIR!!

I DON'T THINK I'LL EVER FIT IN HERE!
HEHEHE
HEY!
HAHA
YES.
HA HA HA
HA HA HA
YO!
HEY!!
HOW'S IT GOING?
WHAT IS THIS PLACE!?

OH GOD! ONE OF THOSE FRIENDLY-LOOKING STUDENTS IS APPROACHING US...

GO AWAY... COMPARED TO YOU WE'RE JUST PEBBLES BY THE ROADSIDE!

.....NO GOOD... EVEN IF I CALL THEM NAMES,

BYE!

MY COURAGE WILL STILL BE AS THIN AS THE LEAD OF A MECHANICAL

HOW CAN THEY DO THIS... IS THIS SUPPOSED TO BE A HAPPY CO-ED CAMPUS LIFE...?

BEING THE CENTER OF ATTENTION ALL THE TIME WILL GET YOU NOWHERE IN LIFE, GO STUDY!

SAGISAWA!?

SORRY TO MAKE YOU WAIT.

NO, YOU WERE DEFINITELY FLIRTING WITH THOSE GIRLS?

NICE WIG!

THESE GLASSES ARE JUST FOR SHOW.

WHAT WERE YOU DOING!?

INFILTRATING A UNIVERSITY.

YOU,

DIE!
THAT'S ONLY BECAUSE IT'S YOU!
WE'RE JUST IN TIME, HE'S GIVING ONE NOW.
I WANTED ASK THEM ABOUT TATSUME-SAN'S LECTURES...

I WAS GATHERING INFORMATION.
ALL THE GIRLS HERE ARE VERY NICE.

AAH ...
WAIT, HAVE YOU SEEN TAKAYAMA ...?
HAVE YOU TRIED CALLING HIM?

LET'S GO!
HE'S A LIBERAL ARTS KIND OF GUY GIVING LECTURES IN A BIG HALL, SO IT'S EASY TO SNEAK IN.
DO WE HAVE TO?

NO, I'M NOT GOOD ENOUGH... I HAVE TO TRANSFORM TO...
COME ON, GIVE IT A TRY.
IF YOU DON'T HURRY, HIS LECTURE WILL BE OVER.
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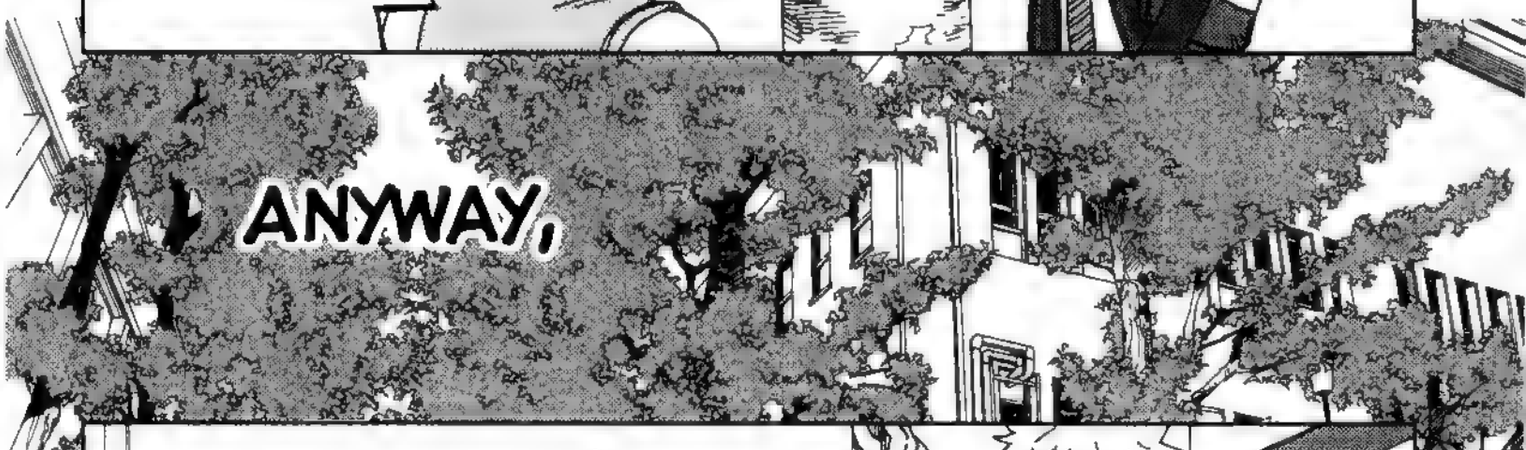
YOU'RE YELLING.
DON'T CALL IT TELEPATHY!!
THAT'S RIGHT, USE YOUR TELEPATHIC SKILLS!
IT'S AWESOME!

HEY, TAKA ...
.....

WHA,
WHAT WERE YOU DOING !?
YIPES !!!
AMAZING !

UP IN THE TREE THERE...
A CHICK FELL FROM THE NEST...
.....
AAH ...

YOU TAKE IT TOO EASY!
EASY TO CLIMB
THEY REALLY HAVE SOME NICE TREES HERE?


ANYWAY,

WHY DOES IT MAKE ME FEEL SO MUCH BETTER...!
WE CAN USE THE BACKDOOR TO ENTER.
NOW THAT WE'RE WITH MORE,

HAVING FRIENDS FEELS SO NICE...
IS...IS THIS WHAT HAVING FRIENDS IS LIKE
EH, FOR EXAMPLE, RECENTLY...
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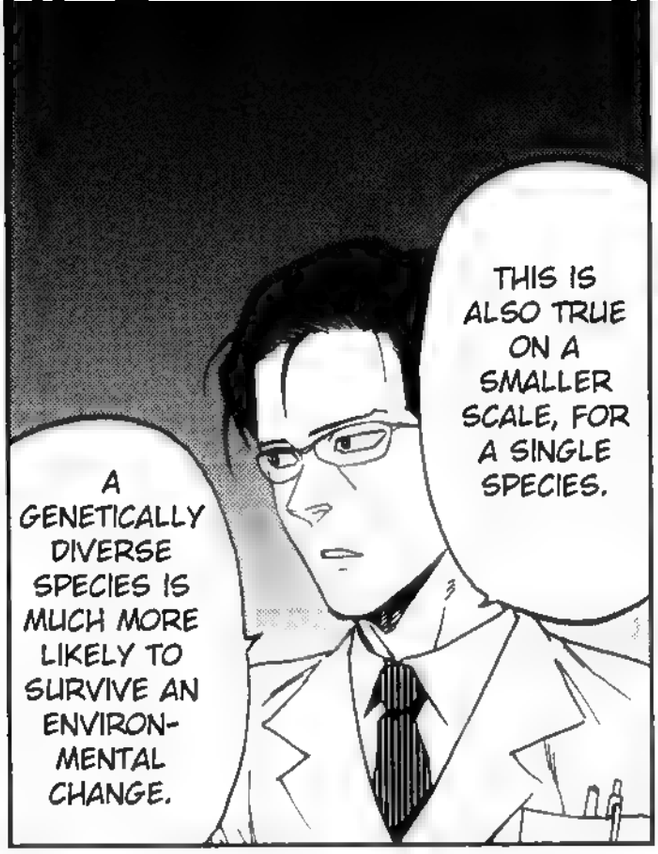
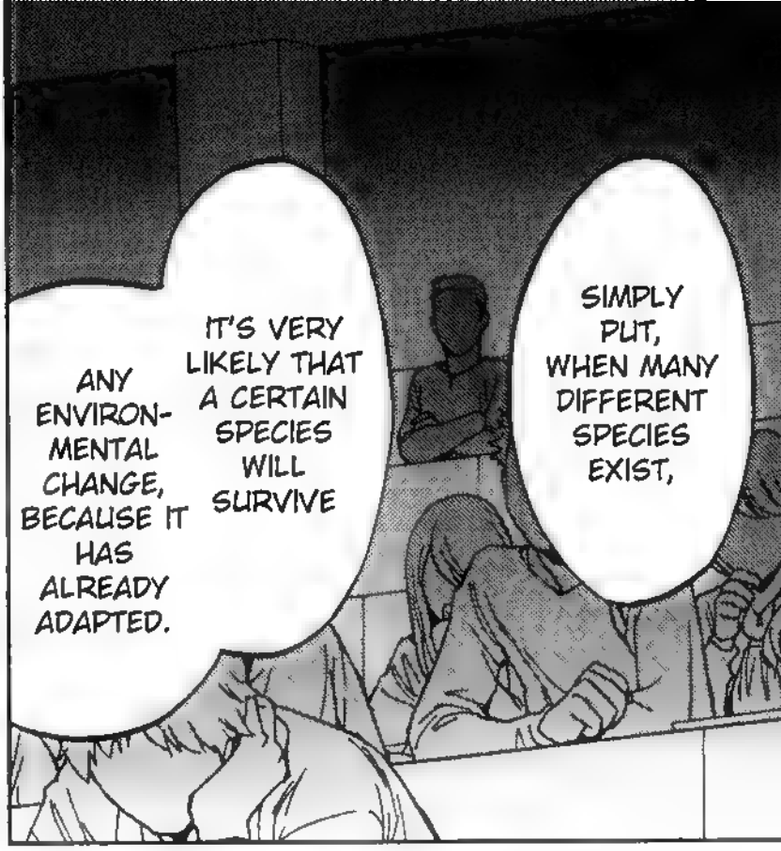
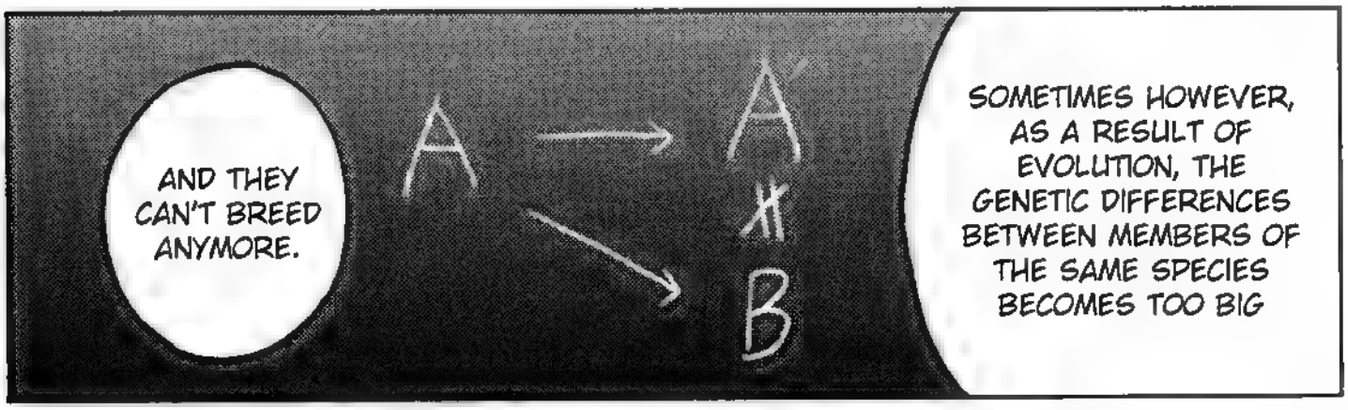
Survival Strategies of the Future
Survival Strategies of the Future
biodiversity
IT'S A VERY EFFECTIVE SURVIVAL STRATEGY FOR ORGANISMS
ALL OVER THE WORLD.
EVEN IN JAPAN, BIODIVERSITY HAS BECOME A MATTER OF CONCERN...
WELL, AS THE CHARACTERS SUGGEST, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE DIVERSITY OF LIFE...


A GENETICALLY DIVERSE SPECIES IS MUCH MORE LIKELY TO SURVIVE AN ENVIRON-MENTAL CHANGE.
THIS IS ALSO TRUE ON A SMALLER SCALE, FOR A SINGLE SPECIES.


ANY ENVIRON-MENTAL CHANGE, BECAUSE IT HAS ALREADY ADAPTED.
IT'S VERY LIKELY THAT A CERTAIN SPECIES WILL SURVIVE
SIMPLY PUT, WHEN MANY DIFFERENT SPECIES EXIST,


AND THEY CAN'T BREED ANYMORE.
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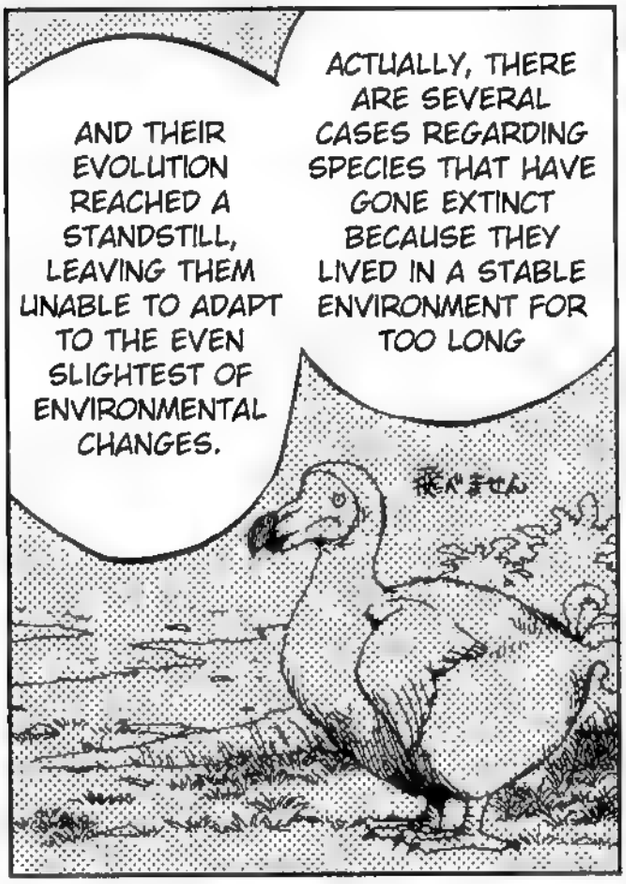
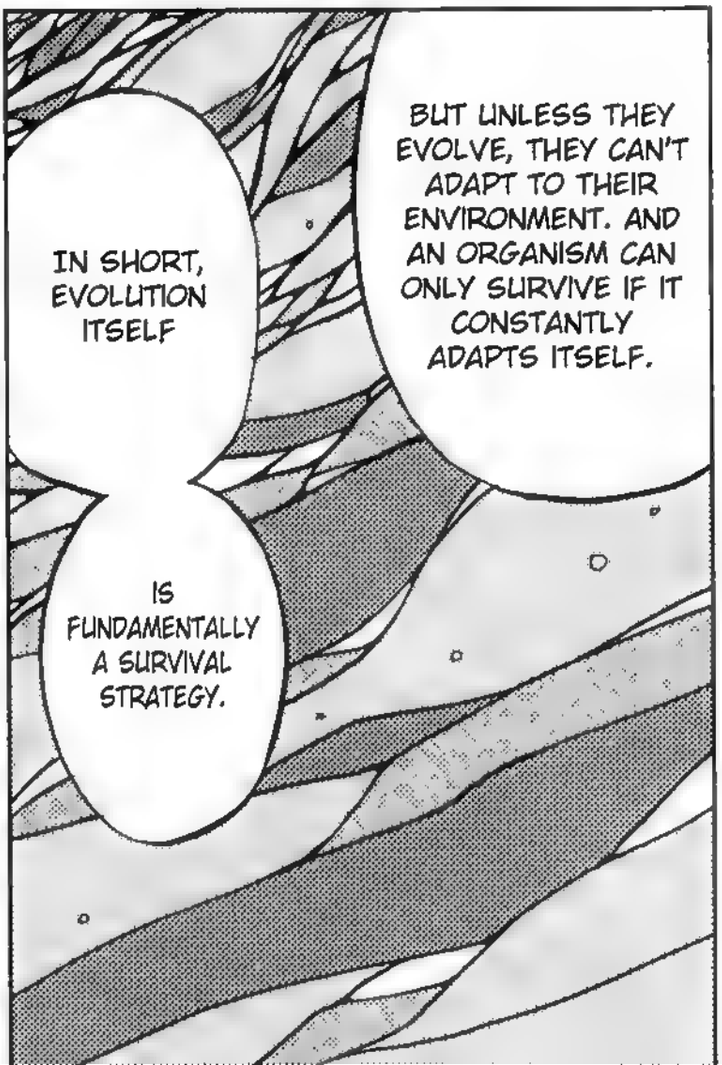
SOMETIMES HOWEVER, AS A RESULT OF EVOLUTION, THE GENETIC DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE SAME SPECIES BECOMES TOO BIG


AND THEIR EVOLUTION REACHED A STANDSTILL, LEAVING THEM UNABLE TO ADAPT TO THE EVEN SLIGHTEST OF ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGES.
ACTUALLY, THERE ARE SEVERAL CASES REGARDING SPECIES THAT HAVE GONE EXTINCT BECAUSE THEY LIVED IN A STABLE ENVIRONMENT FOR TOO LONG


IN SHORT, EVOLUTION ITSELF
IS FUNDAMENTALLY A SURVIVAL STRATEGY.
BUT UNLESS THEY EVOLVE, THEY CAN'T ADAPT TO THEIR ENVIRONMENT. AND AN ORGANISM CAN ONLY SURVIVE IF IT CONSTANTLY ADAPTS ITSELF.

TIME TO LET OUR FANTASIES LOOSE.
WELL THEN, ...
LET'S MOVE ON TO YOUR FAVORITE FICTIONAL EXERCISE.
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SINCE WE DISCUSS THIS FROM A HUMAN POINT OF VIEW, IT'S ALRIGHT TO DISCARD ALL MORALS.
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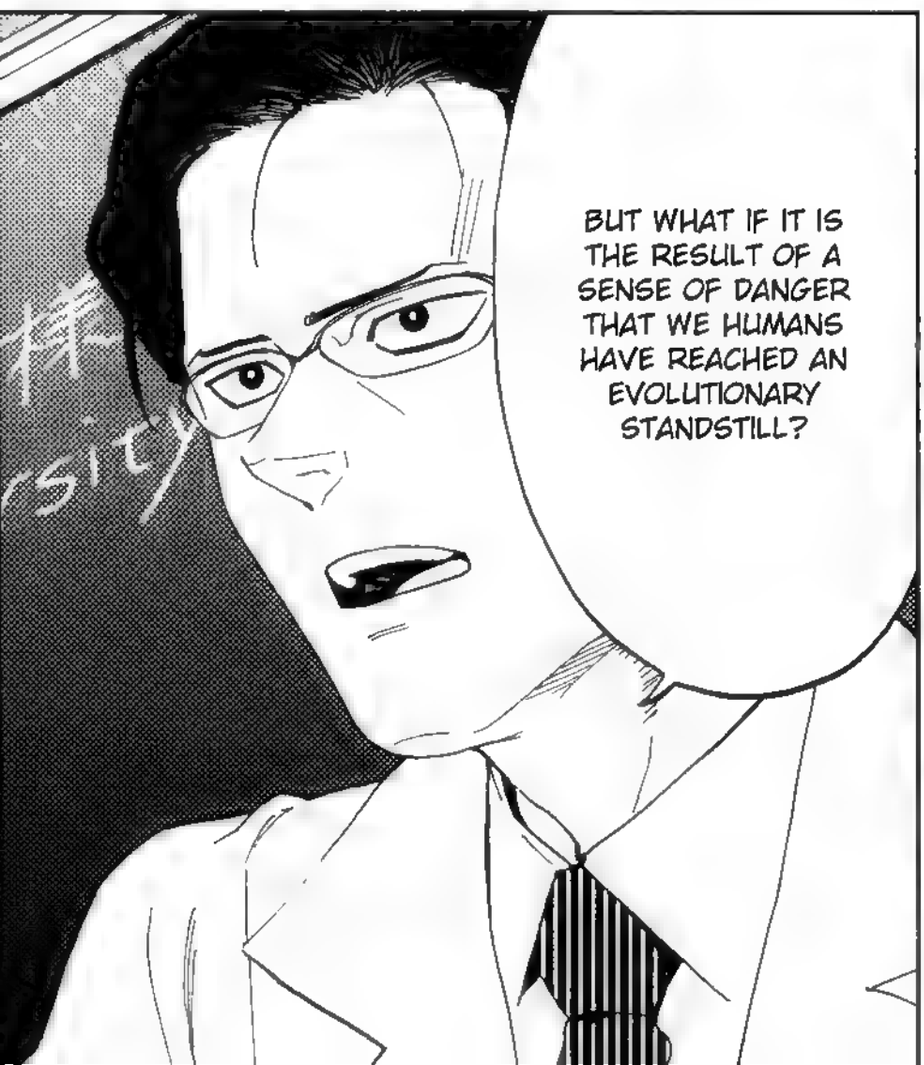
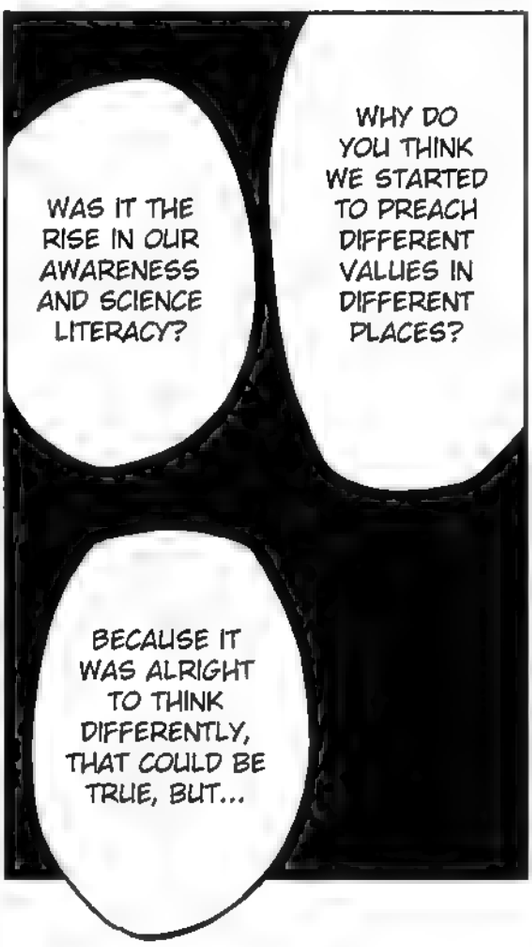
I'VE BEEN WAITING!
TODAY'S SUBJECT, THE HUMAN RACE.
FINALLY!


BUT WHAT IF IT IS THE RESULT OF A SENSE OF DANGER THAT WE HUMANS HAVE REACHED AN EVOLUTIONARY STANDSTILL?


WHY DO YOU THINK WE STARTED TO PREACH DIFFERENT VALUES IN DIFFERENT PLACES?
WAS IT THE RISE IN OUR AWARENESS AND SCIENCE LITERACY?
BECAUSE IT WAS ALRIGHT TO THINK DIFFERENTLY, THAT COULD BE TRUE, BUT...

NOW HUMAN EVOLUTION HAS REACHED A STANDSTILL, AND SOME STUDIES SAY WE WILL STILL BE THE SAME, EVEN AFTER A MILLION YEARS PASS.
IN A HARSH ENVIRONMENT EVOLUTION ACCELERATES. YET HUMANS PASSED THEIR TIME LIVING CONTENTLY IN A COMFORTABLE ENVIRONMENT.

WE ARE A FAILURE AS AN ORGANISM.
IF WE DON'T EVOLVE

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NICE! AS YOU'D EXPECT FROM A MALE'S MIND!
WE HAVE A LOT OF CHILDREN?
IT'S DEFINITELY A PROBLEM WE COULD SOLVE WITH NUMBERS!

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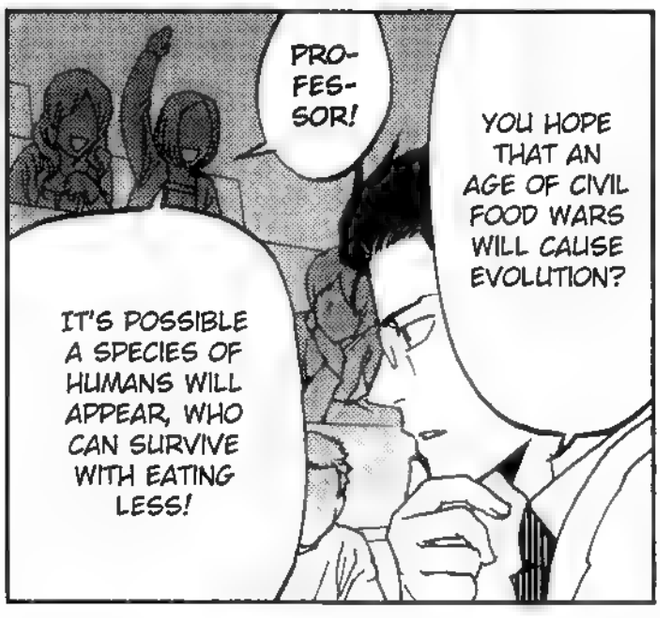
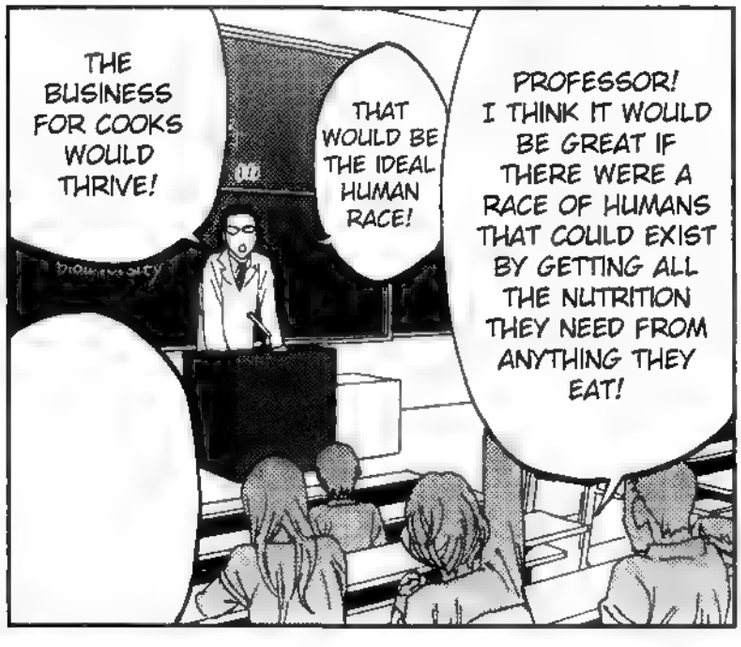
ALL RIGHT, YOU THERE!
WHAT DO YOU THINK THE NEXT SURVIVAL STRATEGY IS FOR THE HUMAN RACE!?
ME!?


PRO-FES-SOR!
YOU HOPE THAT AN AGE OF CIVIL FOOD WARS WILL CAUSE EVOLUTION?
IT'S POSSIBLE A SPECIES OF HUMANS WILL APPEAR, WHO CAN SURVIVE WITH EATING LESS!

未来の生存戦略
ERR, THEN WE'LL FIGHT OVER IT,
BUT IF WE OVERPOPULATE, THERE WON'T BE ENOUGH FOOD FOR EVERYONE, RIGHT?
A HARSH ENVIRONMENT WILL PRESENT ITSELF, FORCING HUMAN EVOLUTION TO ACCELERATE...


THE BUSINESS FOR COOKS WOULD THRIVE!
THAT WOULD BE THE IDEAL HUMAN RACE!
PROFESSOR! I THINK IT WOULD BE GREAT IF THERE WERE A RACE OF HUMANS THAT COULD EXIST BY GETTING ALL THE NUTRITION THEY NEED FROM ANYTHING THEY EAT!

IT'S TOO BAD WE'LL LOSE ALL PLEASURE IN EATING, THOUGH...
A HUMAN RACE WITH A MORE EFFICIENT ENERGY INTAKE...
THAT WOULD BE A GREAT ADAPTATION!

未来の生
ERR...

A DREADFUL EVOLUTION ...
THAT'S ENVIRON-MENTAL ADAPT-ABILITY.
IN THE WORST CASE, IF WE COULD EAT ANYTHING WE WANT, WE COULD SURVIVE WITHOUT PUTTING FORTH ANY EFFORT.

THE FACT THERE IS ROOM FOR SUCH FANTASIES IN BIOLOGY MAKES IT SO FASCINATING.
IT'S INTERESTING HOW OUR CONVERSATION ABOUT SURVIVAL STRATEGIES... ENDED BEING A CONVERSATION ABOUT INTERESTING HUMAN RACES, BUT...

ALTHOUGH WE WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO GRASP EVERYTHING, BIOLOGY PROVIDES US WITH INEXHAUSTIBLE INTELLECTUAL EXCITEMENT.
WHEREAS CHEMISTRY AND PHYSICS ARE SPECIALTIES THAT PURSUE OUR UNCHANGING PSYCHOLOGY,
THE CONCEPT OF EVOLUTION, WILL ALWAYS KEEP SOMETHING THAT'S "UNKNOWN" IN BIOLOGY.

SO IF IT HAS PIQUED YOUR INTEREST, DON'T BE SHY AND JOIN ME AGAIN IN THE NEXT SESSION.
I'M DEDICATED TO CONTINUING THESE LECTURES IN THE HOPES THAT THEY HELP YOU POLISH YOUR SKILLS.

BUT ONCE YOU'VE ACQUIRED THOSE SKILLS, THEY'LL LAST A LIFETIME. YOU CAN USE THEM IN ANY FIELD.
BUT YOU NEED SKILLS TO FULLY ENJOY THIS INTELLECTUAL EXCITEMENT.

COME ON, KARASUMA-KUN! ARE YOU STILL HESITANT!?

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THAT'S NOT IT, WE'RE ON ENEMY TERRITORY! I'M SIMULATING POSSIBLE ATTACK PATTERNS IN MY HEAD...
ARE YOU A BABY!?
HURRY UP, WE HAVE TO GET TO THE LAB.
HE ISN'T OUR ENEMY.

WOW, YOU'RE ALL YOUNGER THAN I EXPECTED!
OH, TSUBAME.
WELL, EXCUSE US!!

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S MOST EAGER TO LEARN THE TRUTH ABOUT THESE WINGS, RIGHT?
AAH, SOU-KUN TOLD ME.
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NO ...
I THINK THIS IS A SERIOUS MATTER.
IT'S ALWAYS EXCITING, DEALING WITH THE FUTURE OF YOUNG PEOPLE.

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU, SOU-KUN GAVE ME PERMISSION.
I WANT TO UNCOVER THE SECRET OF YOUR WINGS TOO...
LET'S GET ALONG.

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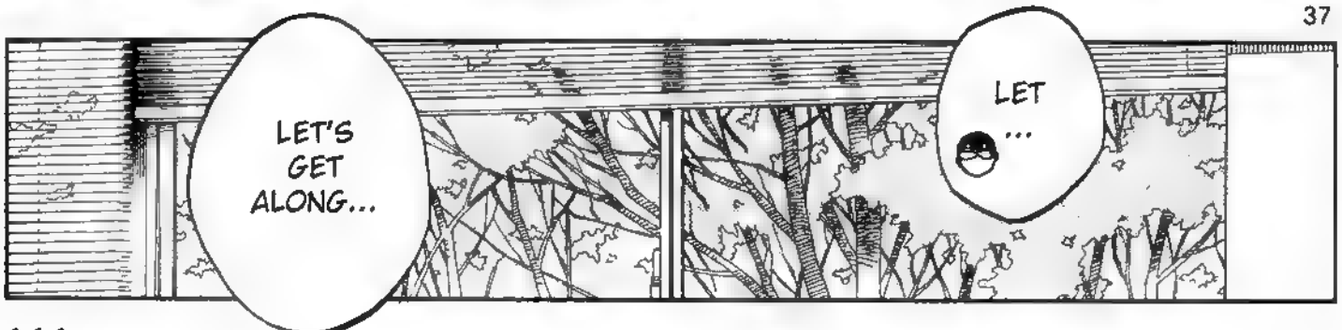
LET ...
LET'S GET ALONG...

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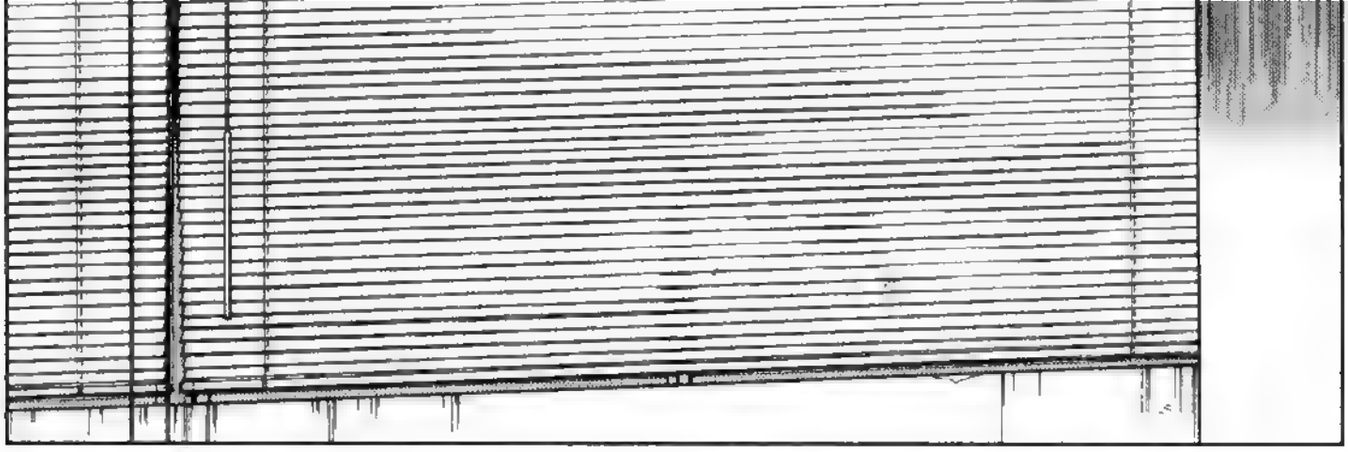
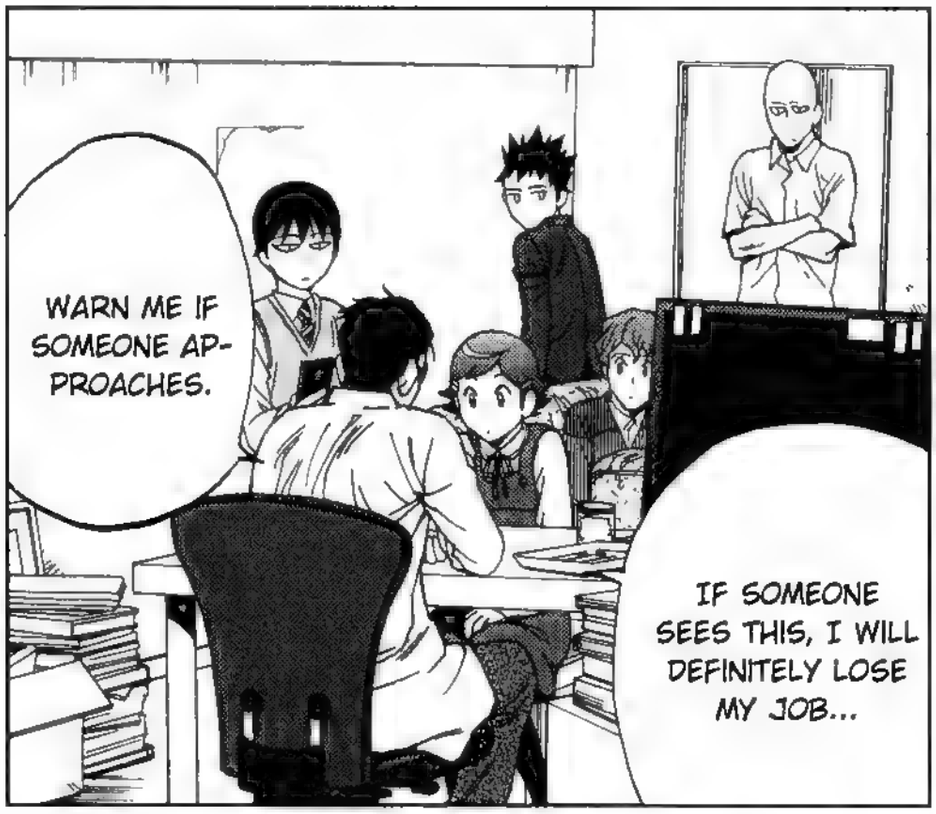
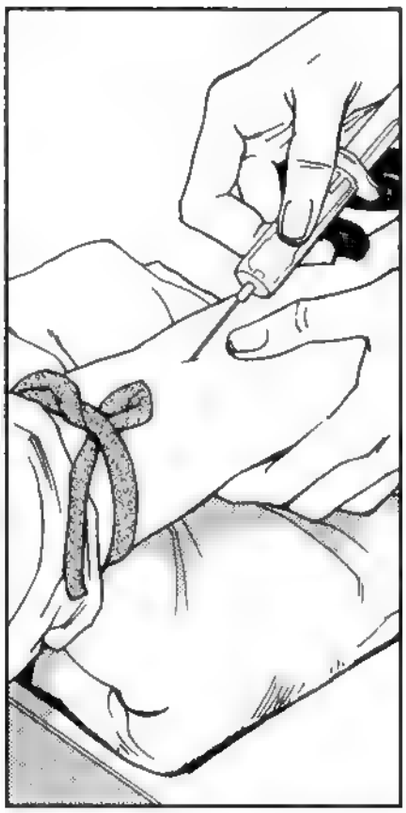



WARN ME IF SOMEONE APPROACHES.
IF SOMEONE SEES THIS, I WILL DEFINITELY LOSE MY JOB...



DNA IS THE GREATEST FORM OF PRIVATE INFORMATION, RIGHT?
AND WE'RE GIVING IT TO A PRO. WE'RE DEFINITELY AT THE DISADVANTAGE.
...YOU'RE THE DISTRUSTFUL TYPE, HUH?

I'M GOING TO RECORD EVERYTHING YOU DO.
IF YOU TRY ANYTHING FUNNY, I'LL REPORT YOU FOR SEXUAL HARASSMENT.

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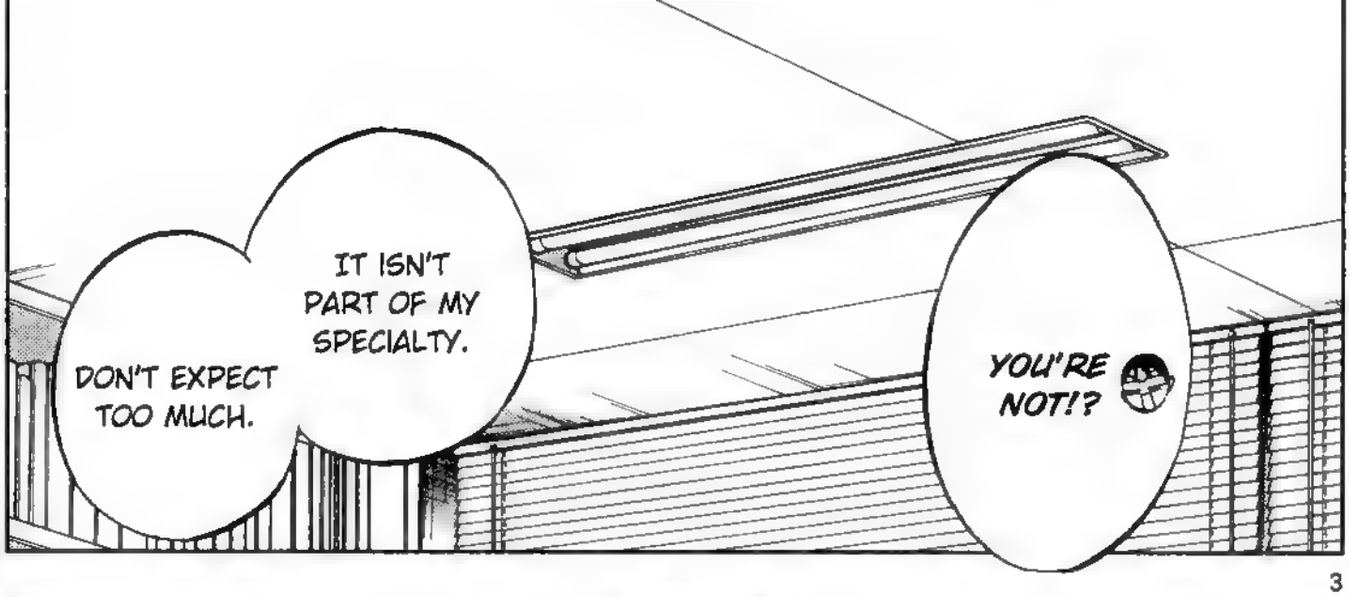
UNFORTUNATELY, I'M NOT A GENETIC EXPERT.


DON'T EXPECT TOO MUCH.
IT ISN'T PART OF MY SPECIALTY.
YOU'RE NOT!?

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I ALSO NEED A SAMPLE OF YOUR WINGS AND OF YOUR BLOOD AFTER TRANSFORMATION, BUT WE CAN DO THAT ANOTHER TIME.
TO BE SURE, I ALSO WANT A HAIR SAMPLE.

GENERALLY, USING ALL MATERIALS ON HAND PROVES TO BE VERY EFFECTIVE.
I KNOW MORE THAN YOU.
THEN WHY WOULD I GIVE YOU MY DNA!?
THE MORE SAMPLES THE BETTER.

COUNT ME IN! I'M STARVING!
SOUNDS GOOD!
MAKE SURE YOU CALL YOUR PARENTS.

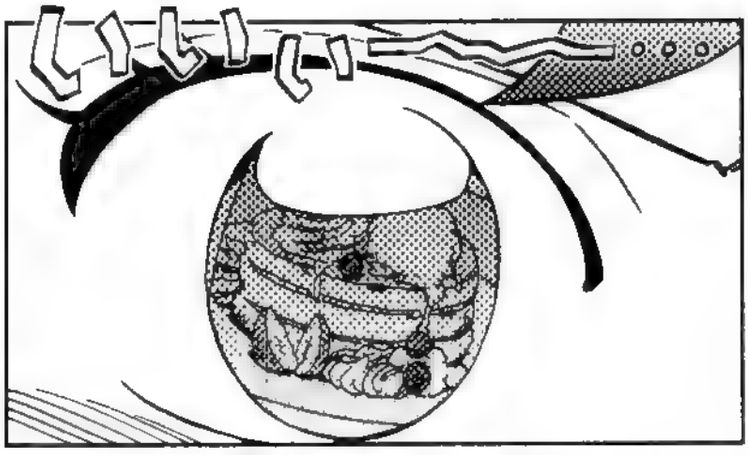
WELL THEN,
IT'S A BIT EARLY, BUT WHY DON'T WE HAVE DINNER TOGETHER TO STRENGTHEN OUR FRIENDSHIP?

THERE'S STILL SOMETHING I WOULD LIKE TO ASK... CAN'T YOU STAY A LITTLE LONGER?
ERR, MY LITTLE BROTHER IS WAITING AT HOME, I REALLY HAVE TO GO...
SOU-KUN, I'LL GIVE YOUR GRAND-FATHER A CALL.
AAH...
YOU DON'T HAVE A CELL PHONE, RIGHT?

THAT'S A SECRET.
OH? WHAT ABOUT YOUR HAIR SAMPLE?
MAYBE A CUP OF TEA...
WELL...
Birdy's
I'M TREATING YOU, DON'T COMPLAIN.
PERFECT FOR A MIDDLE-SCHOOL STUDENT.
A FAMILY RESTAURANT...?

Takeout Menu

I REALLY LOVE FAMILY RESTAURANTS.
ANYONE ELSE HEAR THE IRONY IN THAT STATEMENT!?



CAN I ALSO ORDER SOME PANCAKES...?
ERR...
OF COURSE.
GRAND MENU

COME TO THINK OF IT, I NEVER HAD AN ADULT BUY ME DINNER... ACTUALLY, I DON'T EVEN HAVE MUCH MEMORIES OF EATING WITH MY WHOLE FAMILY TOGETHER...
WHAT SHALL I HAVE...?

CAN I ORDER EVERYTHING I LIKE!?
YEAH...
WHY DID HE REPEAT HIMSELF...?
CAN I ORDER EVERYTHING I LIKE!?

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THEY HAD TO BRING IN AN EXTRA TABLE?
YOU ORDERED TOO MUCH...
I'M FINE, I'M FINE! I'LL EAT IT ALL!!

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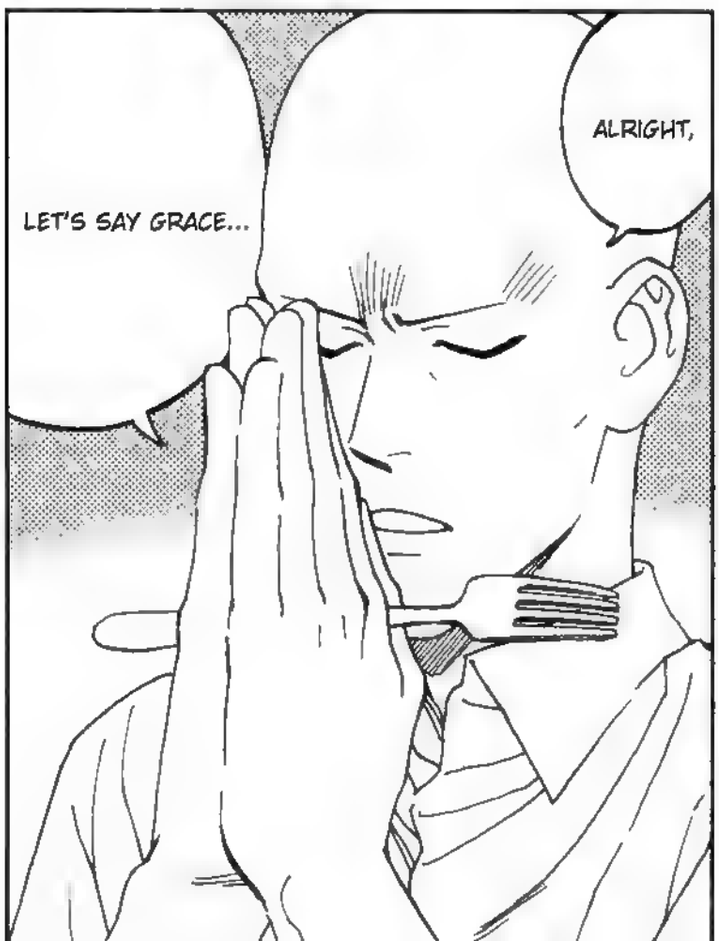
ALRIGHT,
LET'S SAY GRACE...

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PLUS, I'LL EAT EVEN MORE WHEN I GET HOME...
I SEE...
WHY, YOU ASK? BECAUSE THE CURRY THAT I MADE YESTERDAY IS PERFECT TODAY!

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THERE HE GOES!
EATING LIKE A BANDIT!!!
USE YOUR KNIFE!
THANKS FOR THE FOOD!!!

BY THE WAY, WHAT MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT WOULD ORDER A LIGHT MENU LIKE PASTA WITH SPRING VEGETABLES!? I DON'T UNDERSTAND...
TAKE A LOOK AT SAGISAWA'S ELEGANCE.. IS THAT THE DIFFERENCE IN THEIR UPBRINGING...?
KAMODA PROJECTILES.

KAMODA IS A NICE GUY, BUT IT'S VERY EMBARRASSING TO EAT WITH HIM IN PUBLIC...
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CAREFULLY WATCHING TO AVOID FLYING FOOD.

AND UMINO...
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HIS CHOICE TO ORDER INANIWA NOODLES COVERED IN A THICK STARCHY SAUCE ONLY CONFIRMS HIS AGE...
AND THE OLD MAN... OH? HE MAKES IT FEEL LIKE WE'RE IN A STAND-UP NOODLE SHOP...
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I'D RATHER DIE THAN CUT DOWN THE SUGAR!!!
I HAVE A VERY SWEET TOOTH!
THAT POSE IS TOO OLD!!
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EH?
YOU'RE USING WAY TOO MUCH!!
Syrup!
TAKAYAMA IS EATING PRETTY QUIETLY...
Oh...
THAN I EVER THOUGHT I WAS...
REALLY... MAYBE I'M MORE HONEST...
Japanese-style Hamburger Set
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I AM SLOW!?
EI-CHAN, YOU'RE JUST SLOW.
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I DIDN'T EVEN HEAR HIM EAT!?
ARE DONE ALREADY!!?
YOU...
ジュ!!?

WHY DO I FEEL SO SELF-CONSCIOUS RIGHT NOW!?
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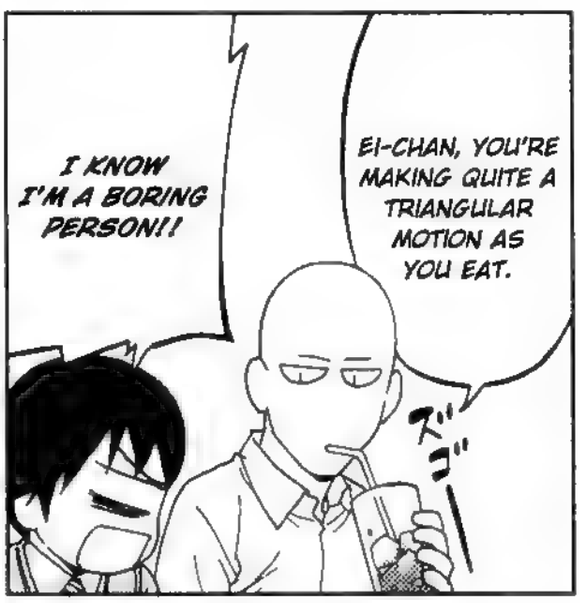
ENOUGH ALREADY. EAT QUICKLY...
I DON'T GET IT... I DON'T GET THE STANDARD OF THIS GROUP...!!

SO, AS I SAID IN THE LAB...
DON'T START A CONVERSATION LOOKING GROSS LIKE THAT!!
using a toothpick


I KNOW I'M A BORING PERSON!!
EI-CHAN, YOU'RE MAKING QUITE A TRIANGULAR MOTION AS YOU EAT.
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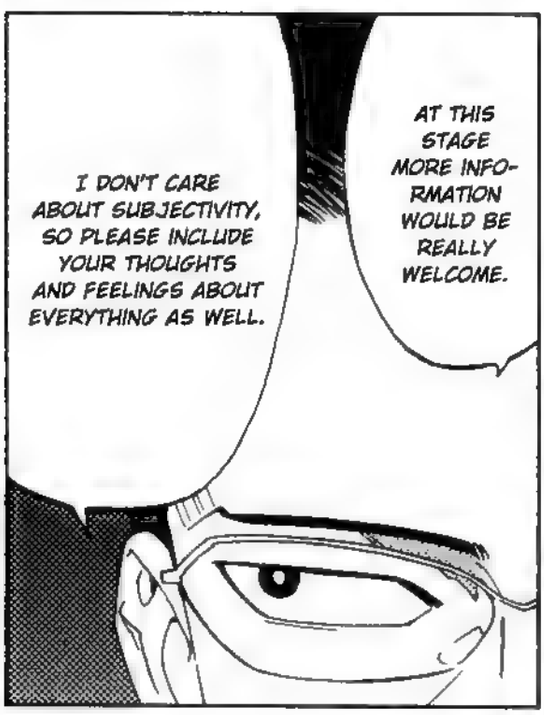
I WANT TO GET A BETTER GRASP OF THE CURRENT SITUATION, SO IT SHOULD INCLUDE EVERYTHING UNTIL NOW.
I WOULD LIKE YOU TO CREATE A RECORD OF YOUR TRANSFORMATION PROGRESS AND OTHER HAPPENINGS.
SUPER-VISE?
SO I NEED ONE OF YOU TO "SUPERVISE".
IF I DO ALL THE RESEARCH IN SECRET, THE RESULT WILL BE LIMITED.

AND, PRESERVE THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN FACT AND HYPOTHESIS.
ALWAYS INCLUDE WHO DID WHAT, WHERE AND WHEN, AND WHAT WAS THE RESULT.
THERE ARE TWO POINTS TO KEEP IN MIND.


I DON'T CARE ABOUT SUBJECTIVITY, SO PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS ABOUT EVERYTHING AS WELL.
AT THIS STAGE MORE INFO-RMATION WOULD BE REALLY WELCOME.

ASIDE FROM THAT YOU ARE FREE TO MAKE UP HYPOTHESIS.
STICK TO THE FACTS FOR THE WHO, WHAT, WHERE AND WHEN. ALWAYS MENTION IT WHEN YOU'RE NOT AB-SOLUTELY SURE ABOUT SOMETHING.
IN CASE OF RUMORS, STATE THE SOURCE MATERIAL.

WHO ARE YOU TO DECIDE THAT?!
WHO ELSE WOULD DO IT?
WELL, LOOK AROUND AT THE OTHERS.
THE RECORD YOU KEPT FOR THE BIRD CLUB WILL COME IN HAND!
THAT'S GREAT, KARASUMA -KUN!
WAIT, ARE YOU SAYING I SHOULD DO IT!?

DO YOU THINK WE CAN ENTRUST THIS TO ANYONE ELSE?
Half-open eyes
Still looking at the last bite
Clearly lost interest
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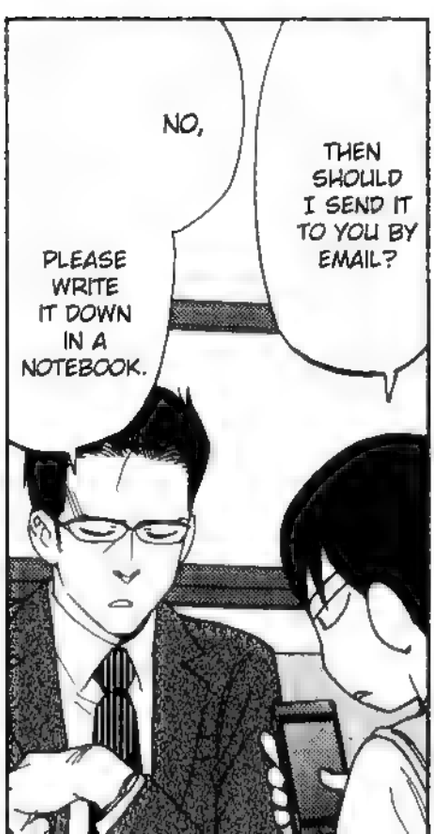
REALLY!?
AH,
I'M NOT THAT INTERESTED EITHER.

I'M JUST REALLY HAPPY TO SPEND TIME WITH EVERYONE...
WELL... IN MY CASE, IT'S...

IT FEELS LIKE I FOUND MYSELF NEW SIBLINGS.


NO,
PLEASE WRITE IT DOWN IN A NOTEBOOK.
THEN SHOULD I SEND IT TO YOU BY EMAIL?

WELL, I'LL HELP YOU OUT.
I GET IT...

HMM...

THIS IS THE AGE OF ELECTRONICS AND COMMUNICATION AFTER ALL.
THE CURRENT CAPACITY AND COMPUTING POWER OF OUR ELECTRONICS
IN THEORY IT'S POSSIBLE TO HACK ANY DEVICE THAT'S CONNECTED.
BASICALLY ALLOW US TO ACCESS ANYTHING THAT GOES ON THE AIR.
EH?
KEEPING EVERYTHING ANALOGUE IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO AVOID INFO-RMATION LEAKS.

DO YOU... KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE ORIGIN OF OUR WINGS?
HOLD ON,
ARE YOU SAYING IT'S MORE LIKELY THIS INFORMATION WILL LEAK,
WHY DO YOU THINK THAT WILL HAPPEN?
BECAUSE YOU EXPECT SOMEONE WILL ACTIVELY SEEK TO GET HIS HANDS ON IT, RATHER THAN OUR OWN SCREW-UP?

I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU THINK.
THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION.

OUR ENEMY IS TO BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY?
BECAUSE...

RIGHT NOW I'M JUST SUGGESTING WE NEED TO BE CAREFUL.
BUT AT THIS MOMENT I CAN'T SAY ANYTHING FOR SURE.

SO, INSTEAD OF JUST STUDYING YOUR CASE... I'VE STARTED TO THINK I SHOULD MAKE IT MY PRIORITY TO PROTECT YOUR EXISTENCE.
I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF THEY ARE OUR ENEMY...
TO BE HONEST, I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU WOULDN'T KNOW ANYTHING AT ALL...

THAT FEELING IS EVEN STRONGER...
LOOKING AT YOU RIGHT NOW...

T/N: 20000 yen = $170 The average meal in a Japanese family restaurant will be around 1000 yen and you can get unlimited drinks for about 300-400 yen

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WHY ARE WE RUNNING!?
WHAT !?
EH!?
WAIT,

DIDN'T WE JUST DISCUSS HOW DANGEROUS IT COULD BE TO BE DISCOVERED?
WELL, THE SUN IS STILL UP...
WOULDN'T IT BE FASTER TO FLY?
HEY!

AL-RIGHT!
THAT BAS-TARD!

AH!
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I SAID WAIT...

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LIKE IDIOTS RUNNING LIKE THIS...
WE LOOK...

HEY, THAT FEELING...
OUCH, I TRIP-PED...
UH...

IT'S A BLACK OUT!

WH-WHAT NOW? WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CITY...

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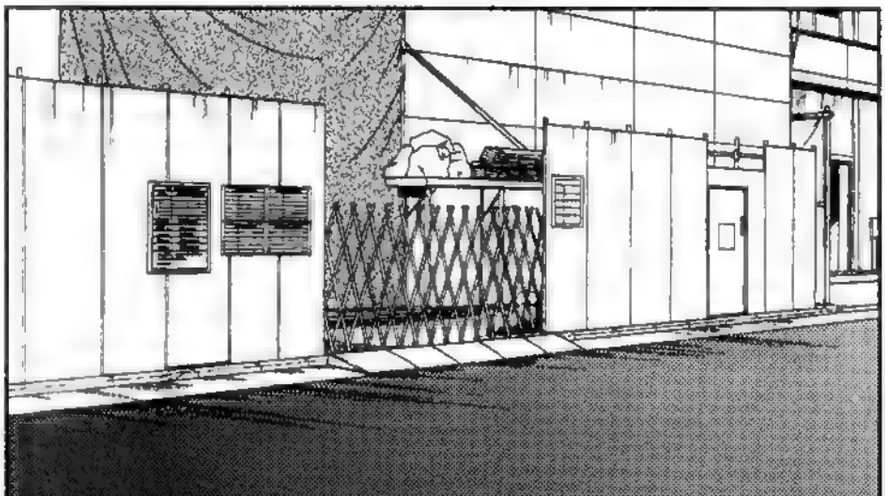

GUH, WHY NOW...?
TAKA-YAMA!!

I SEE! CONS-TRUCTION SITE...
WOW, YOU'RE QUICK!!
HEY!
WAIT FOR ME!!

EEK!!

YES
TSUBAME, YOU CAN CHANGE AFTER US.
Just watch the entrance for now.

YOU KNOW WHERE THE BLACK OUT IS GOING TO APPEAR!?
IT'LL GO WHERE WE ARE.

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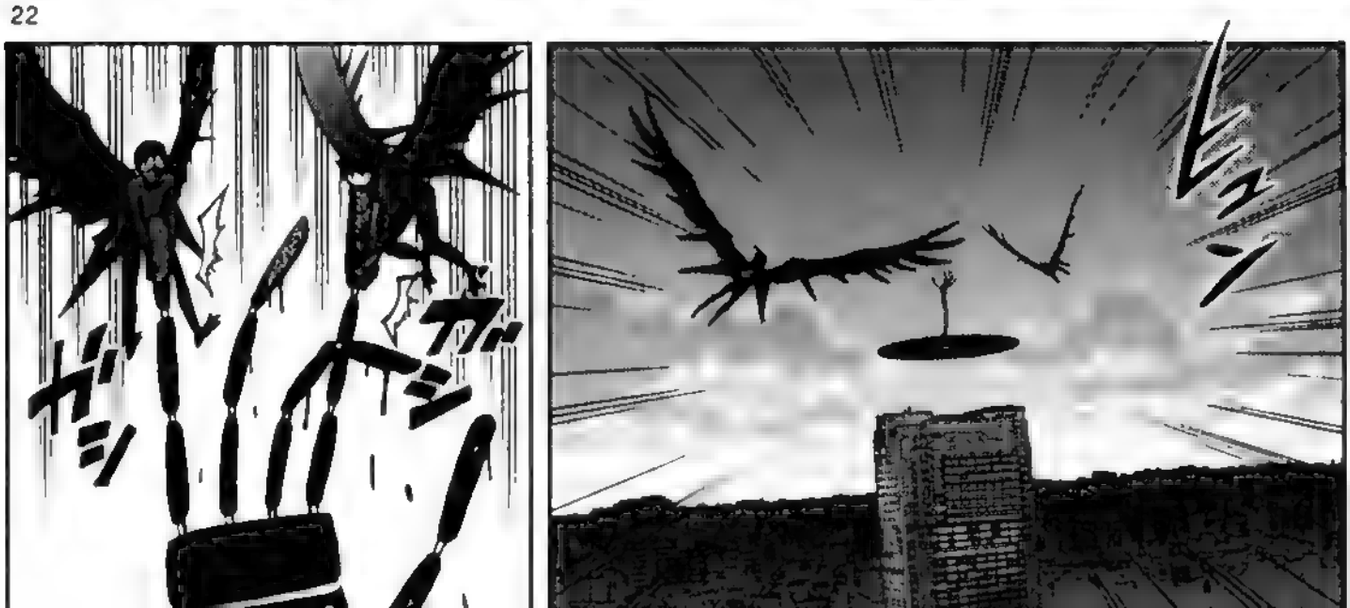
THERE!
GUYS!
LOOK!

SOMEHOW...
IT LOOKS BIGGER
THAN LAST TIME...
I CAUGHT UP
WITH YOU.

LET'S PULL IT OUT...?
THAT'S A PRETTY BAD PLACE, HUH?
Right above a building
IT'S HUGE!?
WHAT IS THAT!?
EH...
WHAT!?

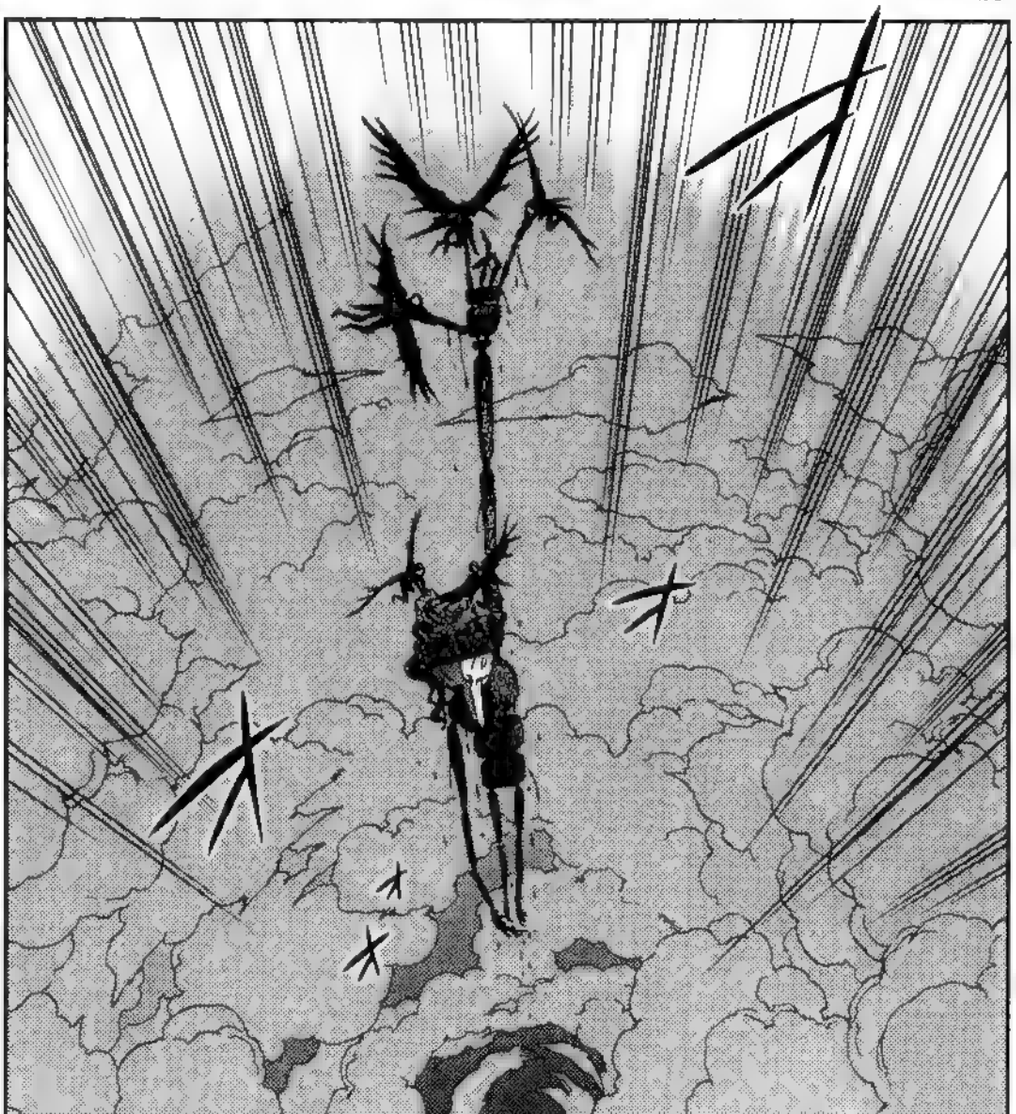


VOOM
EI-CHAN!
DON'T USE MY REAL NAME WHEN WE'RE TRANS-FORMED, IDIOT!!
IT'S SLIPPERY, I CAN'T GET A GOOD HOLD ON IT!
YIPES!
I'LL GIVE YOU A HAND, BLACK!
GOT IT!
SO LONG!
DAMN, I GROW WEAK WHEN YOU CALL ME THAT...
ALRIGHT!

LET'S GIVE THEM A HAND.
BUT WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING...
I'M NOT JUST AROUND...

IT'S SLIMY!!
THIS FEELS DISGUSTING!
AARGH!!

ANYWAY, LET'S PULL IT FURTHER UP IN THE SKY.



WA...
SOME-THING'S HAPPE-NING!
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IT'S LOOKING AT US!!
EH!?

KLLL!

LET'S KILL IT BEFORE IT'S FINISHED!
ALRIGHT!

REI-KUN ...
UH.....
I MEAN, WHITE! ARE YOU ALRIGHT!?

GUH...
NUH...

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TAKE...
THIS!!

OH...
HOW ARE WE GOING TO DO THAT...?

HE'S REALLY AMAZING...

JUST ONE ARM LEFT...
EH, BUT WHEN I FALL DOWN...

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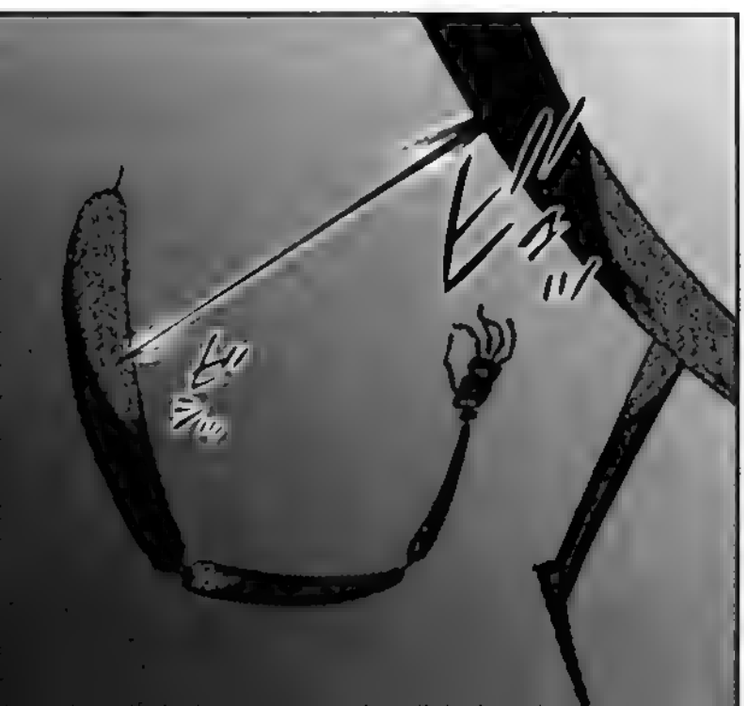
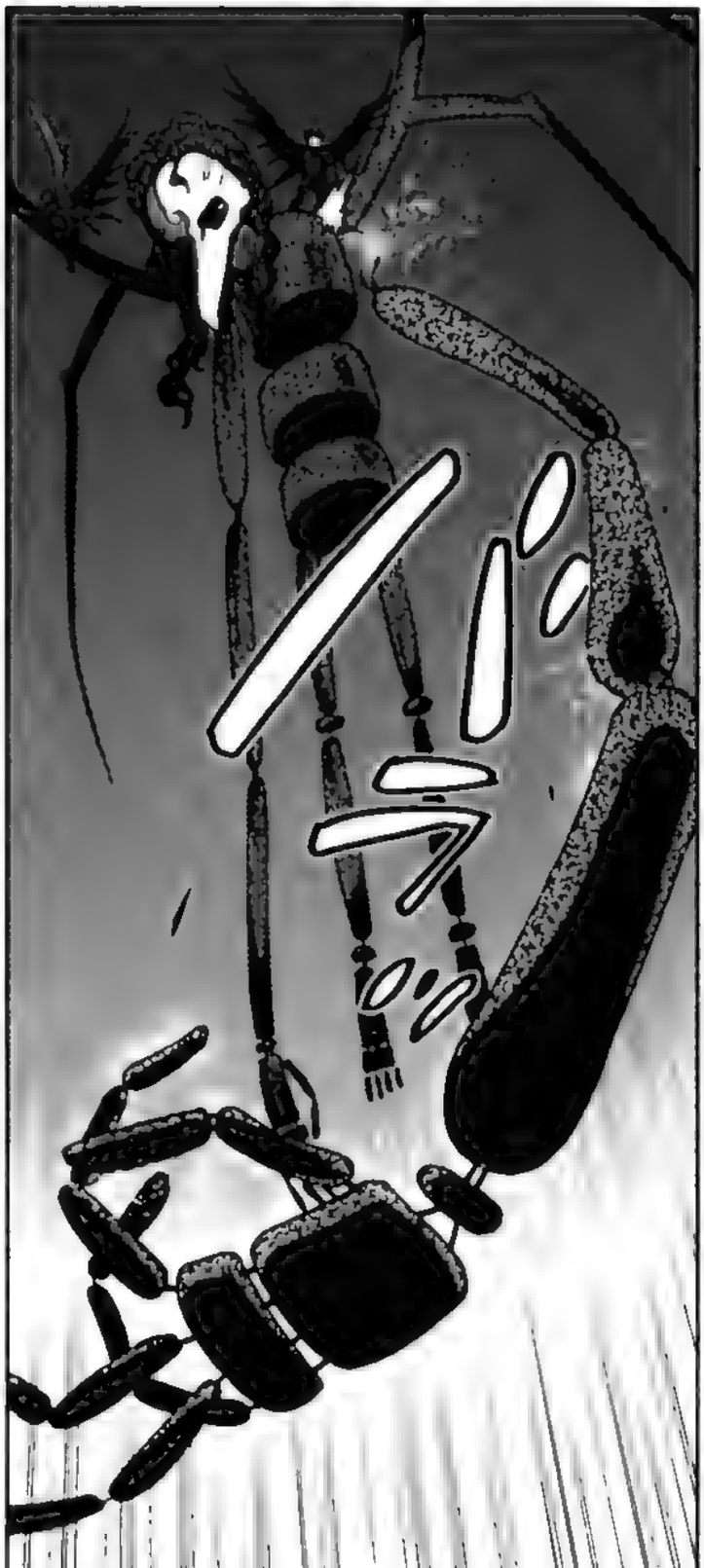
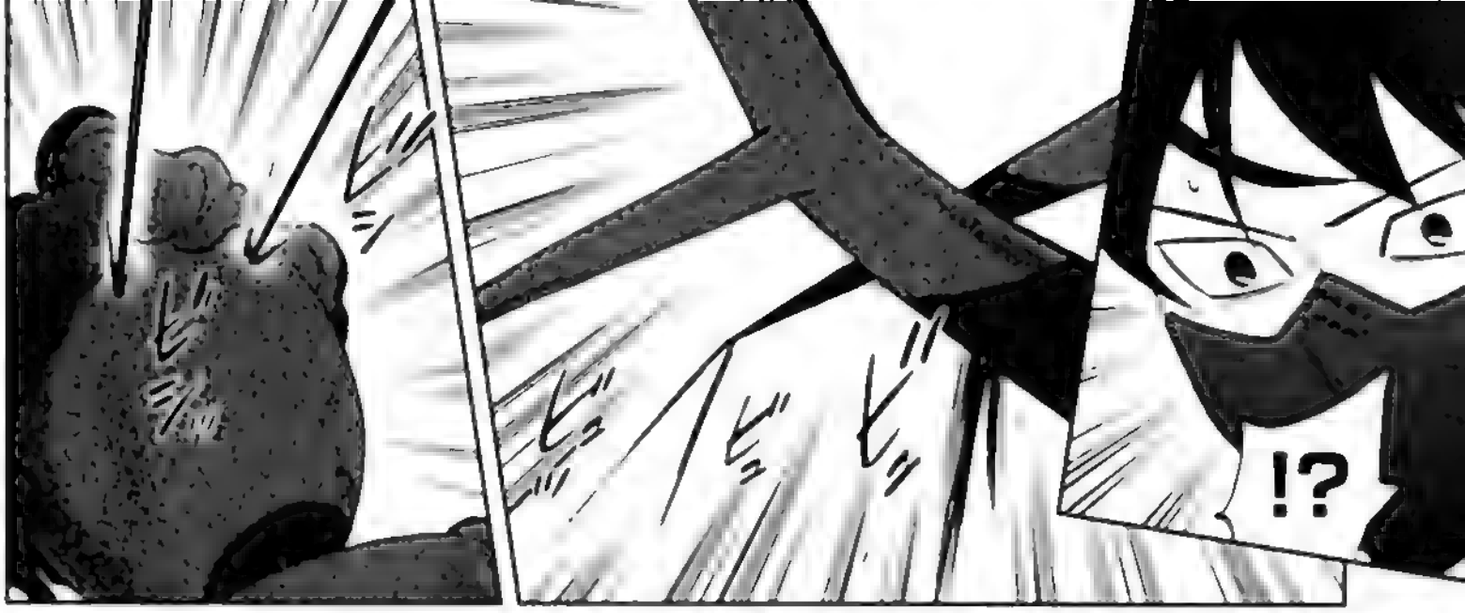
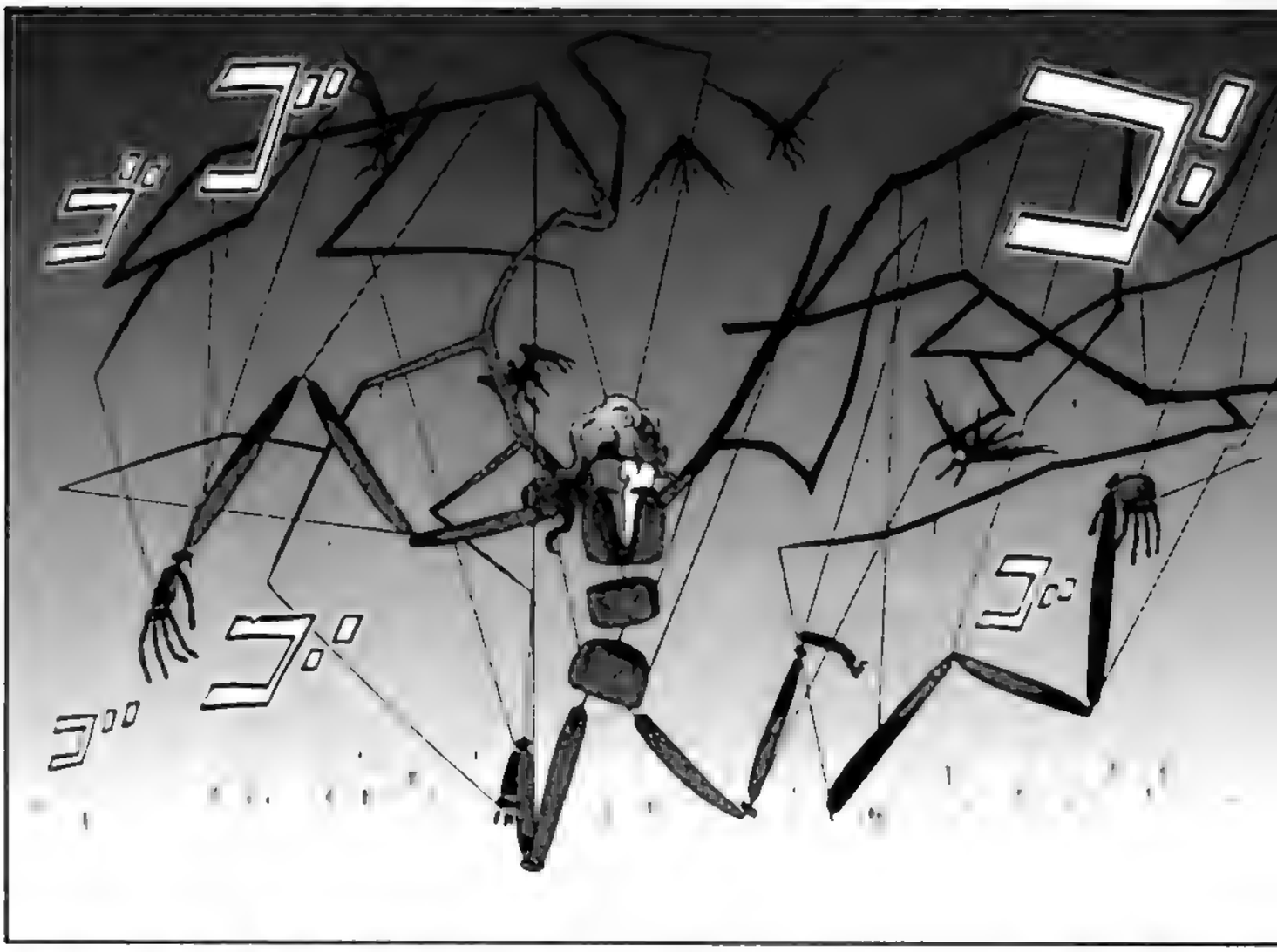




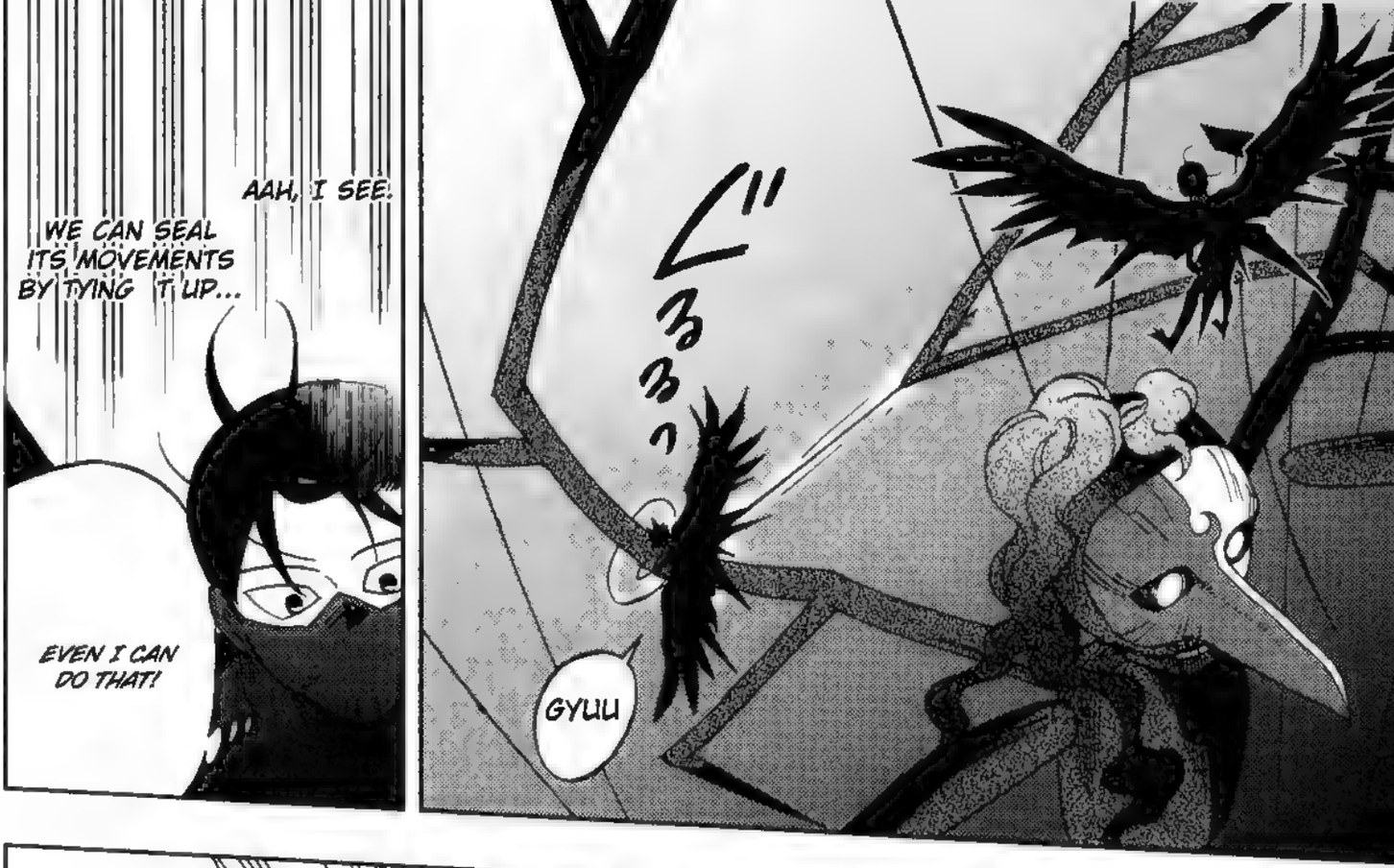




OH, IT STARTED TO MOVE.
GUH...

HOW DID HE GET HIMSELF CAUGHT IN THE WIRES!?
YIPES!
GEH,

THANK YOU, RED!


AAH, I SEE.
WE CAN SEAL ITS MOVEMENTS BY TYING IT UP...
EVEN I CAN DO THAT!
GYUU

HOW IS THAT GOING TO HELP, BLACK!?
TAKE THIS!!
SHUT UP!! YOU JUST KEEP HITTING IT!
YES...
WE HAVE TO HELP THEM...
BUT ARE YOU ALRIGHT?

IT'S BIG, BUT SLOW. IT DOESN'T SEEM TO HAVE MANY BATTLE ABILITIES...
GOOD...

EKAT
THIS...
IT'S TALKING...?
GROSS!

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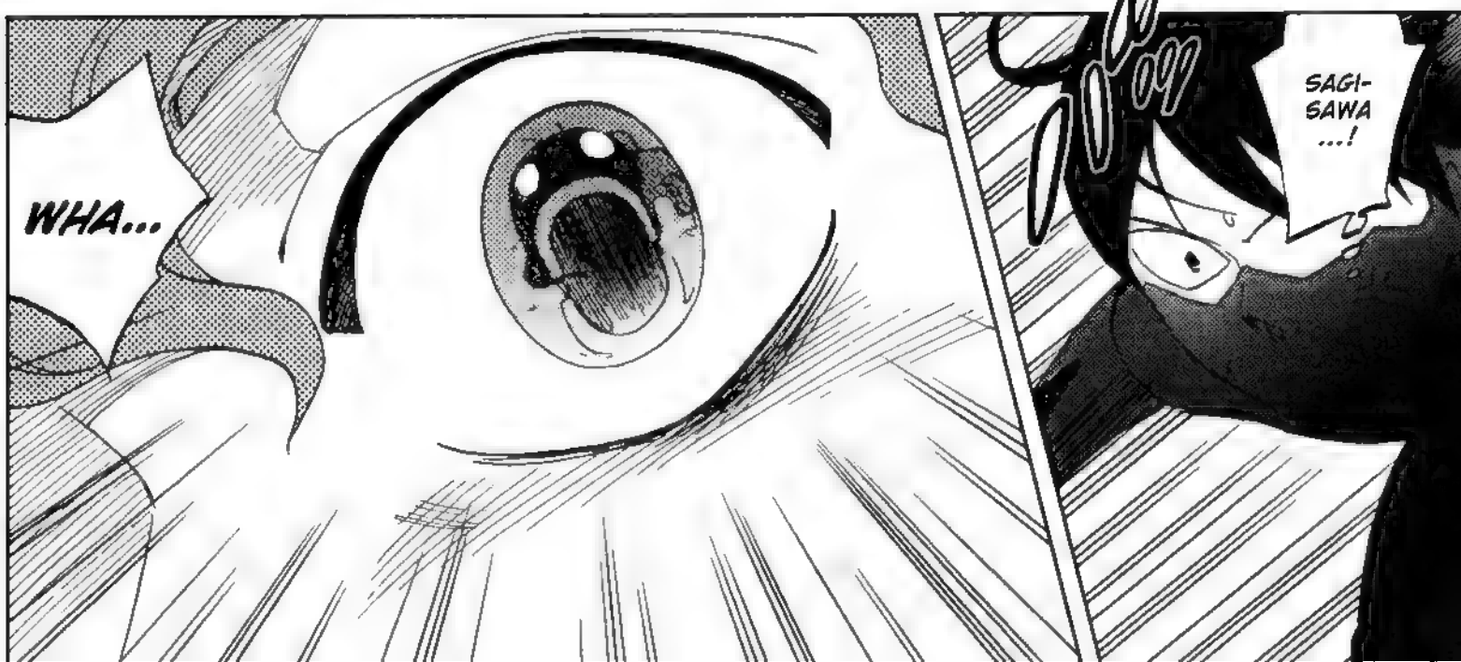
EH?

HAA!!!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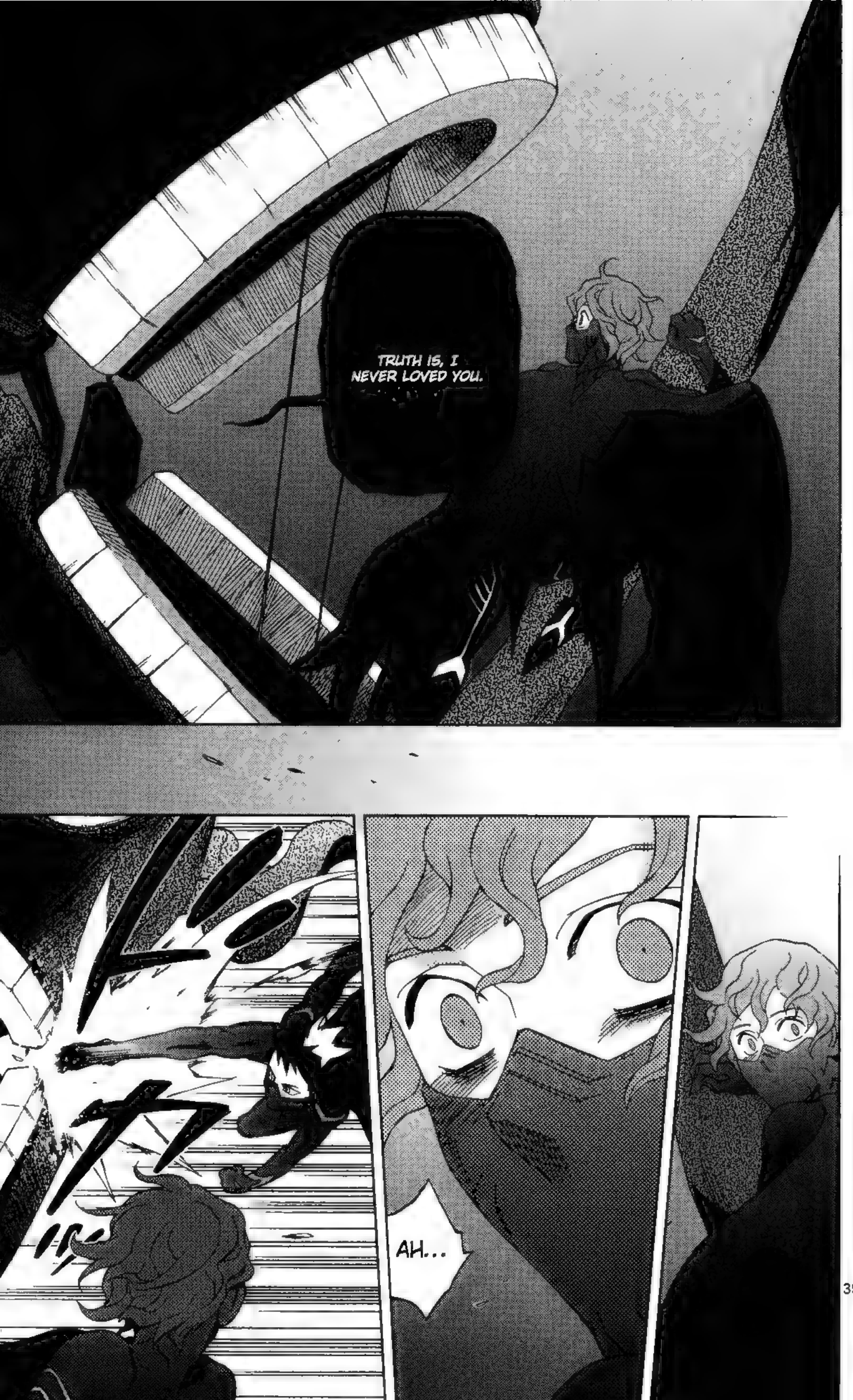
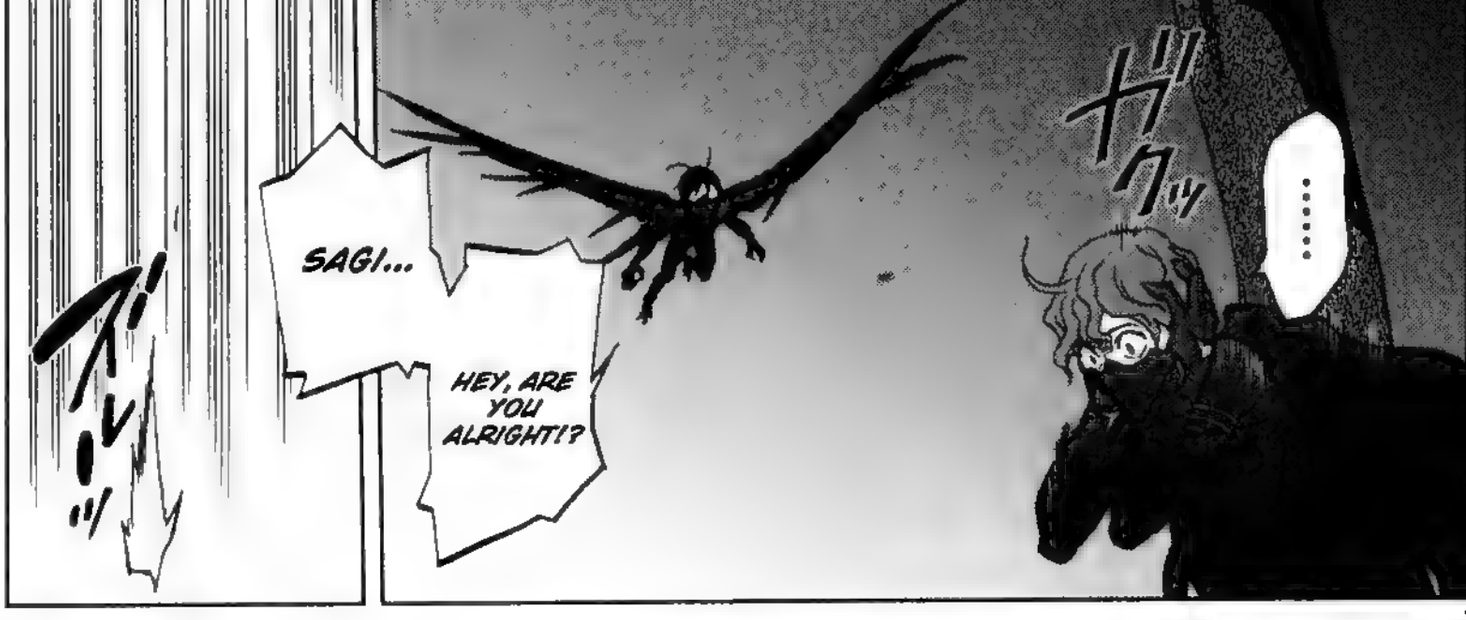

TRUTH IS, I NEVER LOVED YOU.
AH...


SAGI...
HEY, ARE YOU ALRIGHT!?
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HEY!!

EH?

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AAAA
HEY, WHAT'S UP!?
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR TRANS-FORMATION!?

RIGHT, MY WINGS...!
AAAAAAAAAH!!
DON'T STRU-GGLE!
WHA!
AAAAAH...

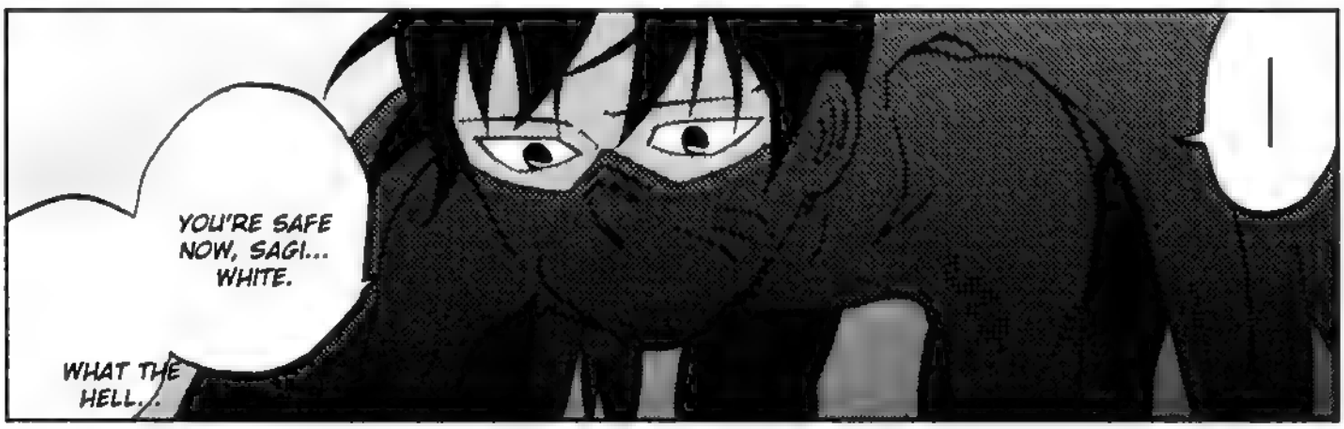
DAMN, I CAN'T FLY LIKE THIS!!
ALRIGHT, THIS SHOULD KEEP HIM STILL...
OH!
GUH...

HNG!

OF ALL PLACES, COULDN'T SHE HAVE CAUGHT ME SOMEWHERE ELSE
SORRY...
THIS PLACE IS SO AWE

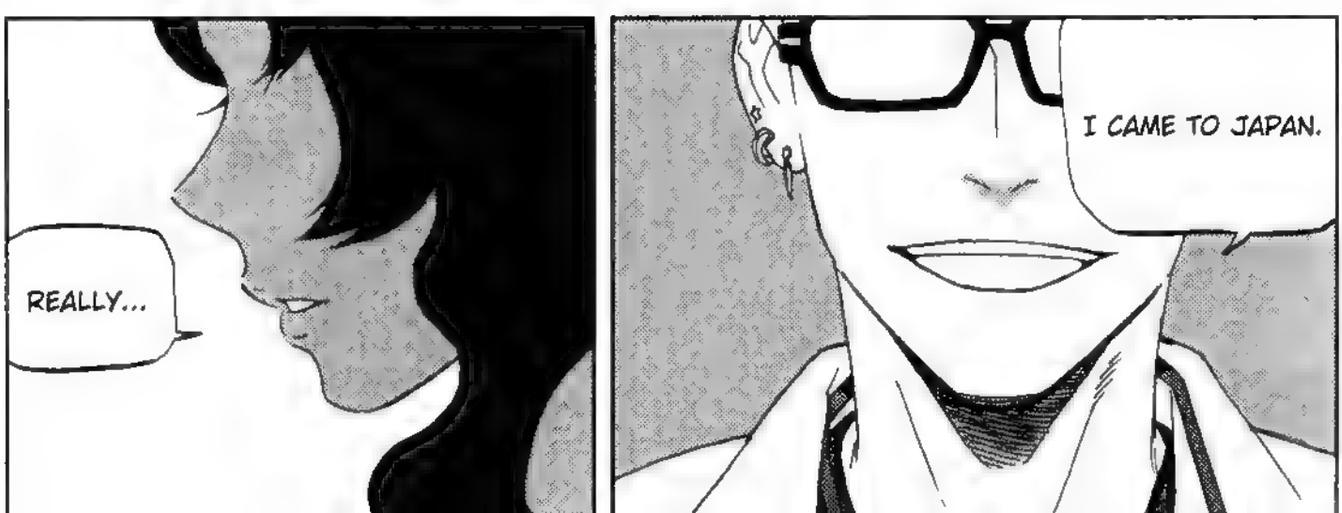
LEAVE THE REST TO ME... YOU GET AWAY FROM HERE...

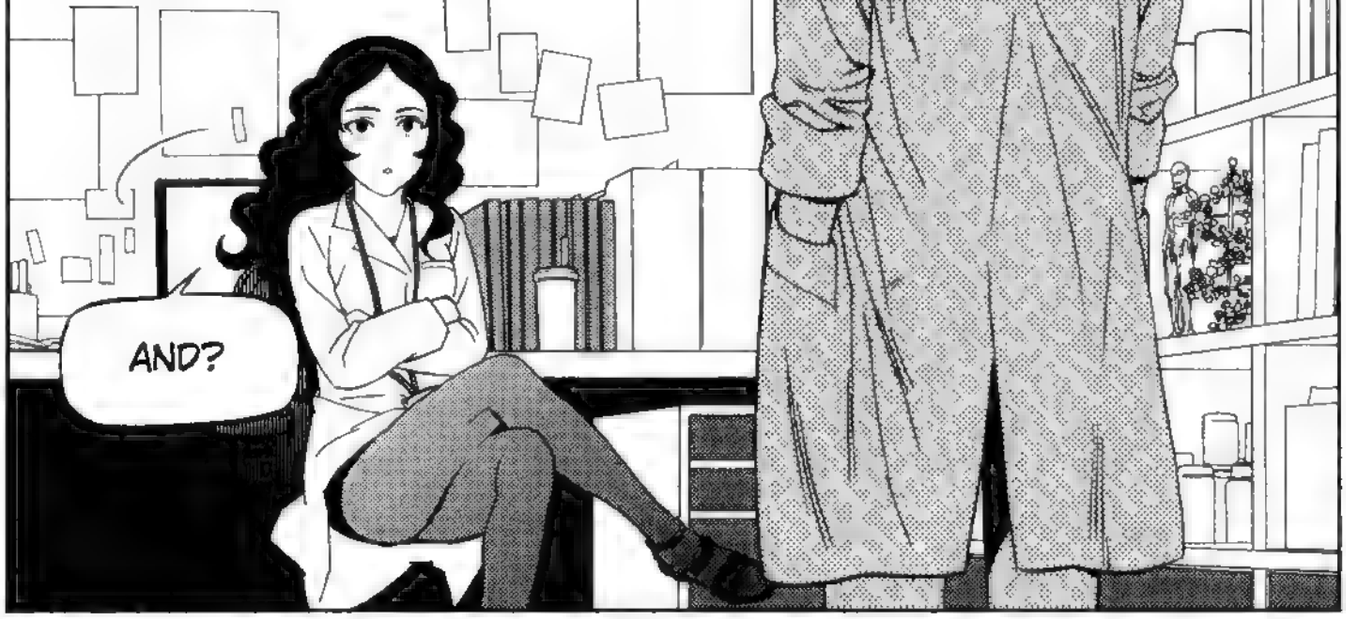
SHUT UP! GO AND HELP HIM!!
WHAT HAPPENED, BLACK!?
WHY ARE YOU IN THAT POSE!?
DAMN...
WE'LL HAVE TO DEPEND ON TAKAYAMA ONCE AGAIN...


YOU'RE SAFE NOW, SAGI... WHITE.
WHAT THE HELL..
I

THAT WAS THE VOICE...
OF MY DEAD BROTHER.

KNOCK KNOCK
EVA.


I CAME TO JAPAN.
REALLY...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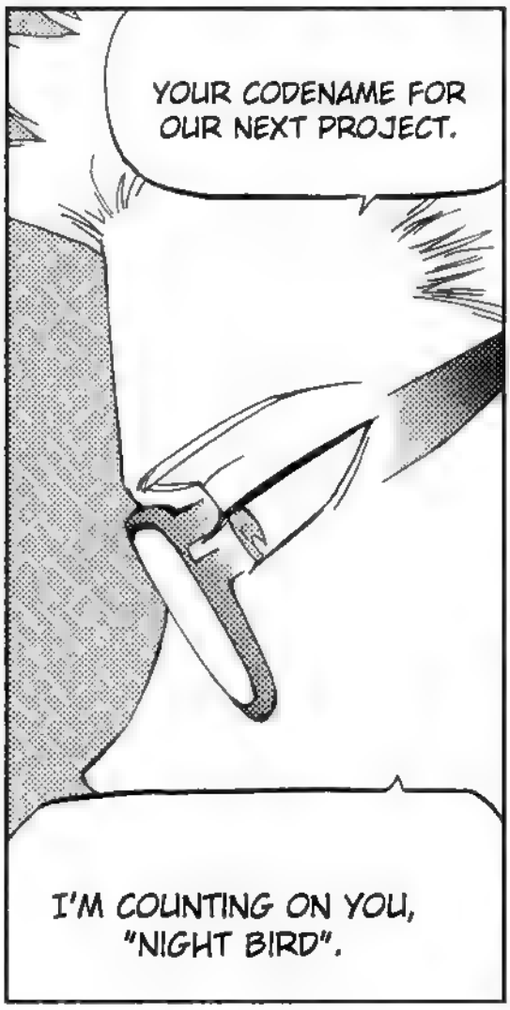
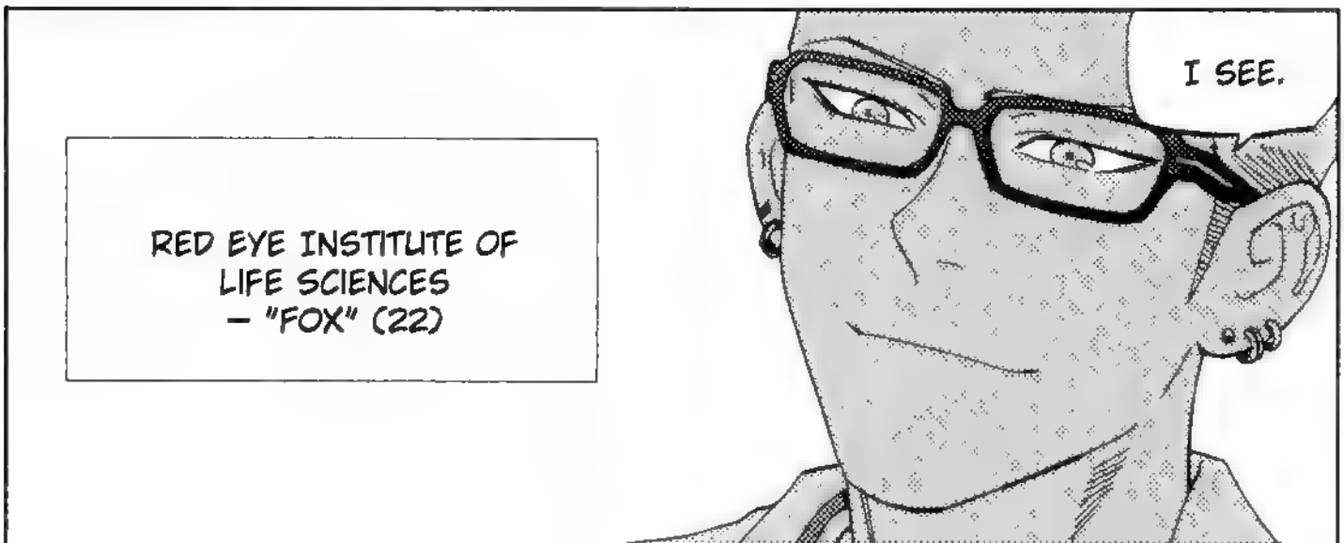

YOUR CODENAME FOR OUR NEXT PROJECT.
I'M COUNTING ON YOU, "NIGHT BIRD".

I WANT TO
GIVE YOU A NAME.

I SEE.
THEN,
YOU'LL BE "FOX".

THAT,
BECAUSE OF MY LOOKS?

YOUR INSIDE.


I SEE.
RED EYE INSTITUTE OF
LIFE SCIENCES
— "FOX" (22)

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"THAT WAS THE VOICE OF MY DEAD BROTHER."

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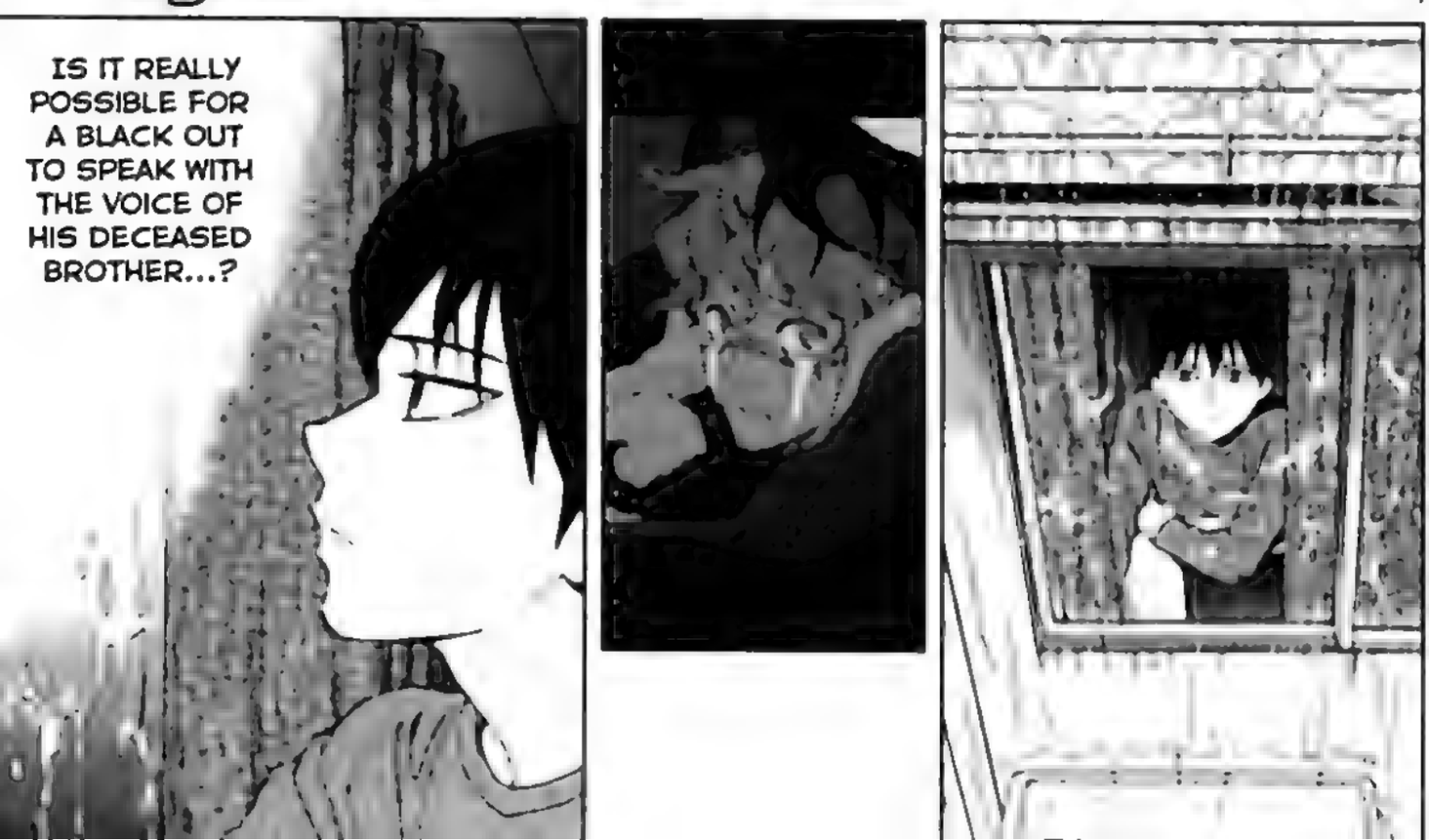

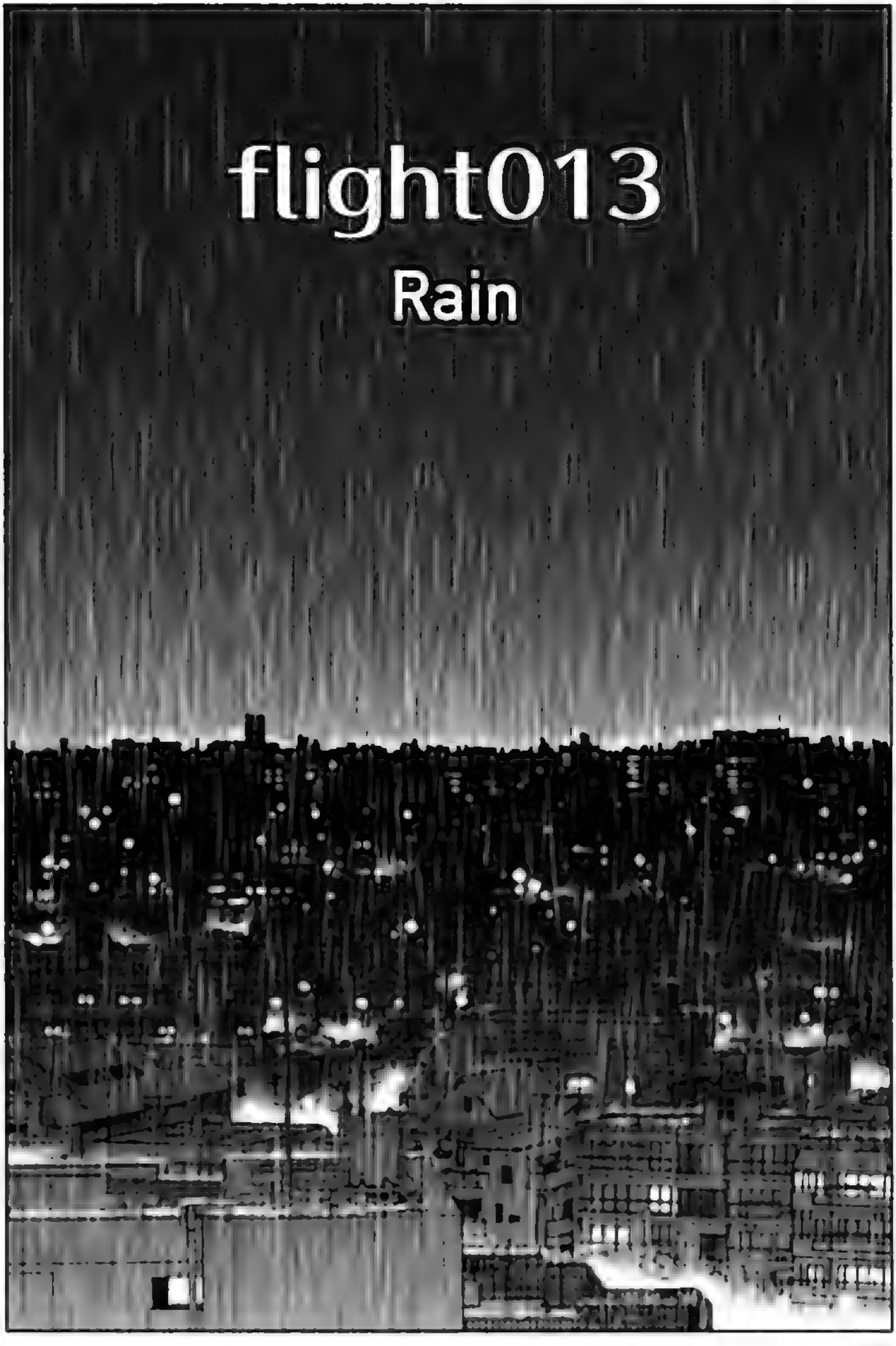
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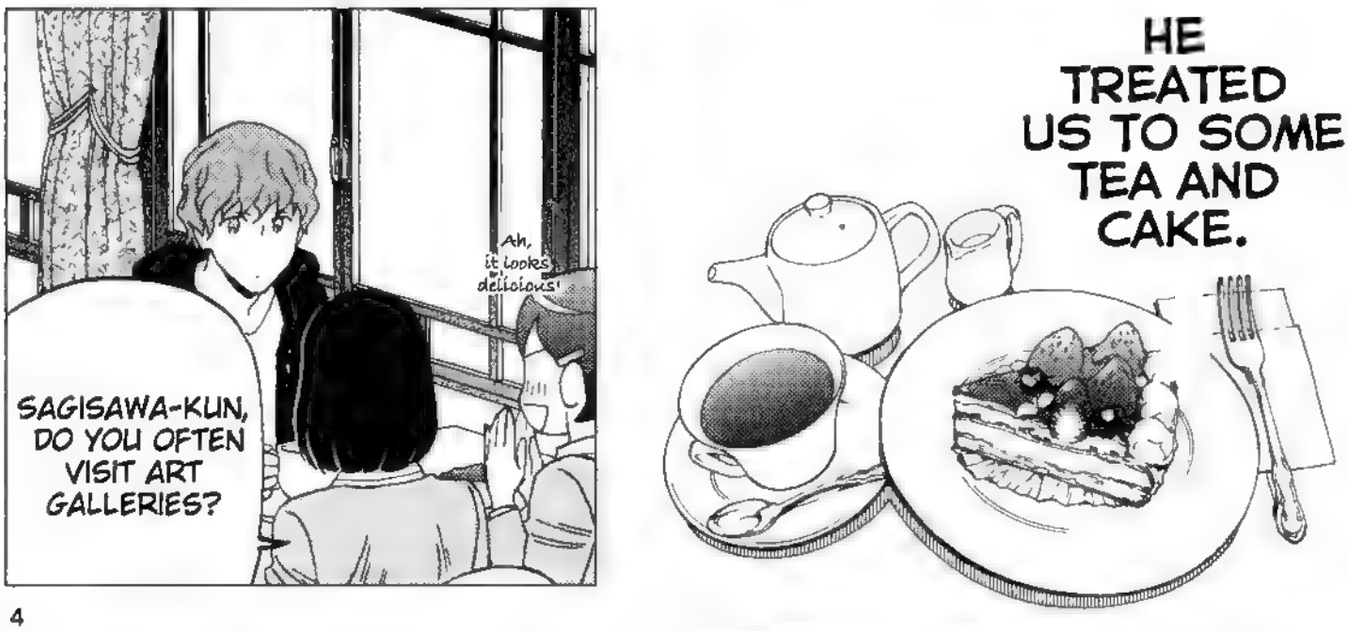
REI-KUN AND I WENT TO THE SAME CRAMMING SCHOOL WHEN WE WERE LITTLE.
I KNEW HE HAD AN OLDER BROTHER.
HE WOULD OFTEN TELL ME ABOUT WHERE HIS BROTHER WOULD TAKE HIM..
BUT THEN REI-KUN STARTED STUDYING UNDER A PRIVATE TUTOR AND STOPPED COMING TO CRAMMING SCHOOL...
AFTER THAT WE DIDN'T MEET FOR A WHILE...

IT WAS PROBABLY LAST YEAR...
ONE OF MY FRIENDS, WHO IS IN THE ART CLUB, FORCED ME TO VISIT AN ART GALLERY WITH HER.
THAT'S WHERE I SAW REI-KUN AGAIN- HE WAS ALONE.

BUT WHEN I CALLED OUT TO HIM...
HE WAS STILL THE SAME REI-KUN AS I HAD KNOWN AS A CHILD.
I KNEW WITH ONE LOOK AT HIS FACE,
YET I COULDN'T HELP BUT FEEL LIKE SOMETHING HAD CHANGED ABOUT HIM.


SAGISAWA-KUN, DO YOU OFTEN VISIT ART GALLERIES?
Ah, it looks delicious!
HE TREATED US TO SOME TEA AND CAKE.

THOSE WERE PAINTINGS MADE BY MY BROTHER'S FAVORITE ARTIST, I JUST WANTED TO SEE THE REAL PIECES...
YES, WELL...

AT THAT TIME,

HE SHOWED ME A PICTURE OF HIS BROTHER...

IT WAS LIKE LOOKING AT AN ADULT VERSION OF REI-KUN.

THEY REALLY LOOKED ALIKE.

AFTER THAT, WE WOULD MEET NOW AND THEN.

IT WASN'T UNTIL A FEW MONTHS LATER HE TOLD ME ABOUT HIS BROTHER...

I THINK HE ALSO MENTIONED SOMETHING ABOUT TRANSFERRING TO A SCHOOL WHERE HE DIDN'T KNOW ANYONE...

IT WAS QUITE UNEXPECTED, SO HIS FAMILY FELL APART AND HE FAILED ALL OF HIS EXAMS...

I'M NOT GOOD AT SERIOUS CONVERSATIONS, SO I DIDN'T ASK FOR THE DETAILS...

HE COMMITTED SUICIDE...

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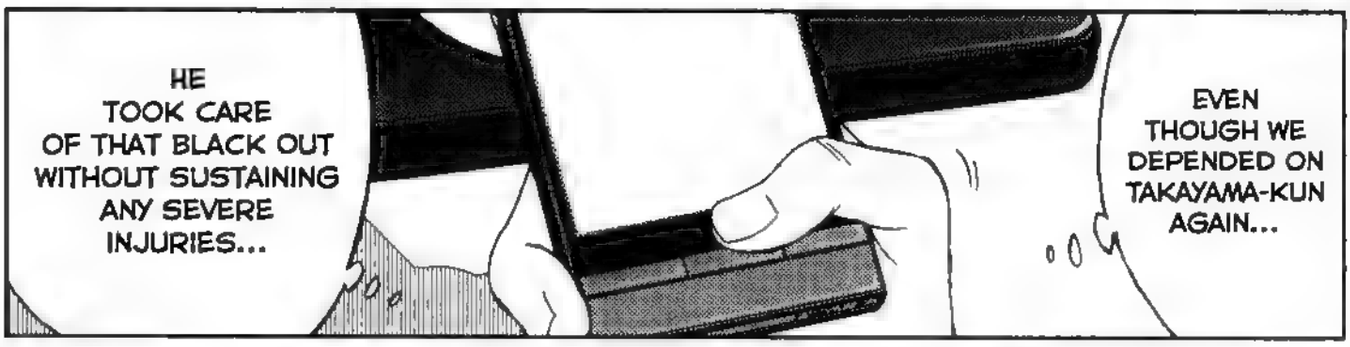
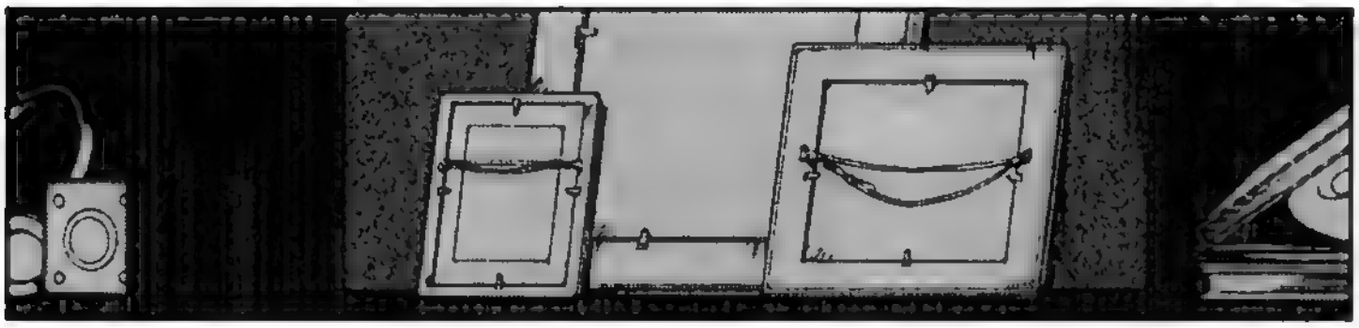
HE'S A RICH GUY. HE COULD BUY ANYTHING HE WANTS. WHY WOULD I FEEL SORRY FOR HIM?





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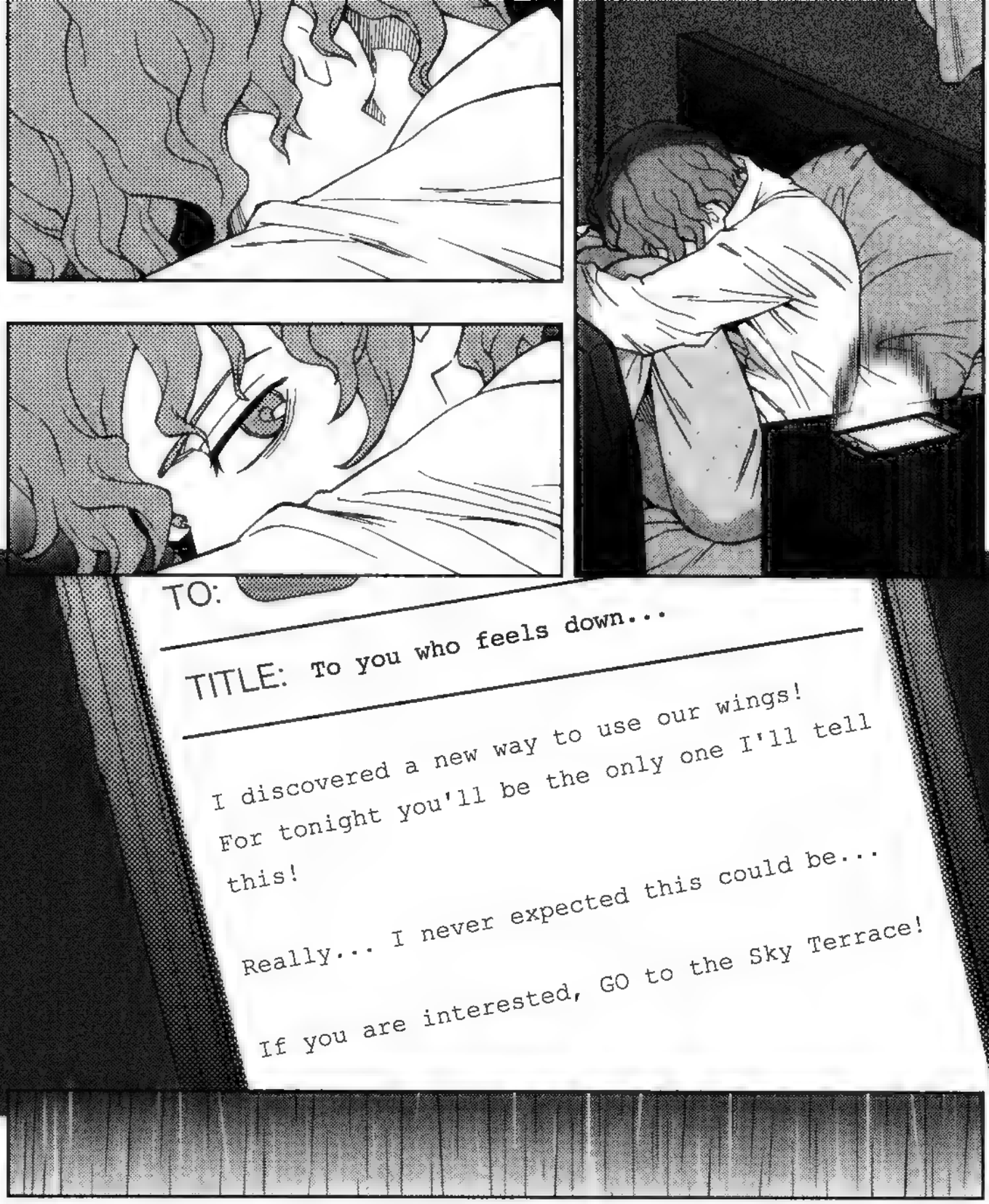
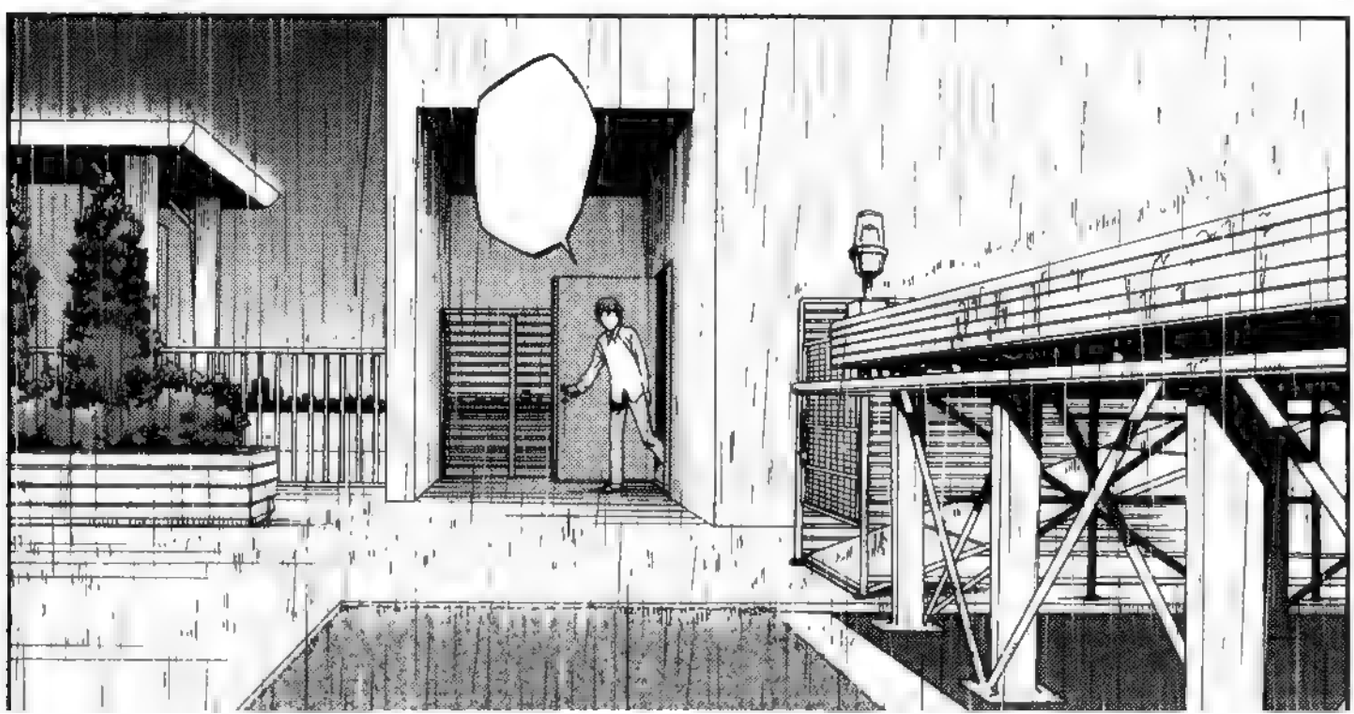

TO:
TITLE: To you who feels down...
I discovered a new way to use our wings!
For tonight you'll be the only one I'll tell this!
Really... I never expected this could be...
If you are interested, GO to the Sky Terrace!



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THIS IDEA, IT'S NOT THAT AMAZING.
YES... WELL...

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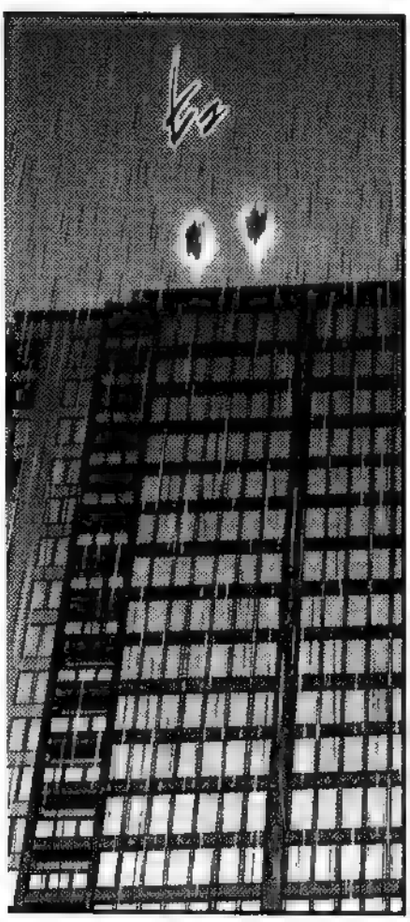
THESE WINGS ARE PRETTY EFFICIENT. THEY'RE WATER-REPELLENT.
SO EVEN IF IT RAINS WE CAN FLY, BECAUSE THEY DON'T GET HEAVIER.
THE RAINDROPS ROLL OFF WITH A WIZ. DID YOU KNOW THAT?
With a wiz?
NO...



IT'S DEPRESSING WHEN THE RAIN POURS LIKE THIS, YOUR SIGHT IS LIMITED AND YOU COULD GET WET.
NO ONE WOULD WILLINGLY SET A FOOT OUTSIDE, RIGHT?
WELL...
THAT'S WHEN I REALIZED IT.

IF WE WANT TO FLY AROUND THE CITY WITHOUT ANYONE SEEING US,
THIS IS THE BEST TIME!!
They won't hear us either!

EW!?
WE'RE GOING ALL THE WAY TO THE GROUND!

WHOA!
WHA!
CONTRARY TO POPULAR BELIEF, THERE ARE LESS CAR ACCIDENTS ON RAINY DAYS!
DID YOU KNOW?
WE'RE GOING TOO FAST!
THIS IS DANGER-OUS!
WHOOPS!
HAVE YOU EVER FLOWN THIS LOW?
I HAVE NOT!
AH...!!

Aah-
I'M SURE SHE SAW US.
THAT'S WHY WE CAN'T SLOW DOWN.

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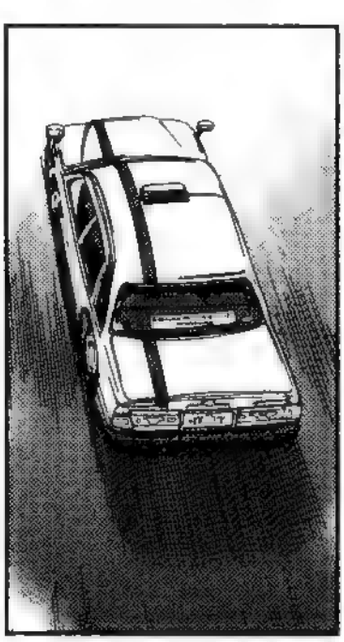

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WE'LL NEVER HAVE TO PAY FOR A TAXI RIDE AGAIN!
WE NEVER HAD A REASON TO TAKE A TAXI TO BEGIN WITH.

LET'S FLY AROUND SOME OF THE SKYSCRAPERS!
WOW, THAT LOOKS PRETTY COOL!
SEE ALL THAT RAIN?

NO, WE LOOK SEXY!
WE'RE PRETTY DRENCHED THOUGH, HUH?

THEN, LET'S SWITCH THOSE WORDS IN THE SEN-TENCES WE JUST SAID.
SEXY AND TAXI SOUND THE SAME, DON'T THEY?
COME TO THINK OF IT...

HAHAHA, YOU'RE RIGHT...
I DON'T THINK IT WORKS LIKE THAT...
THE OPPOSITE, WE'RE A TAXI...
WE'LL NEVER HAVE TO PAY TO BE SEXY...

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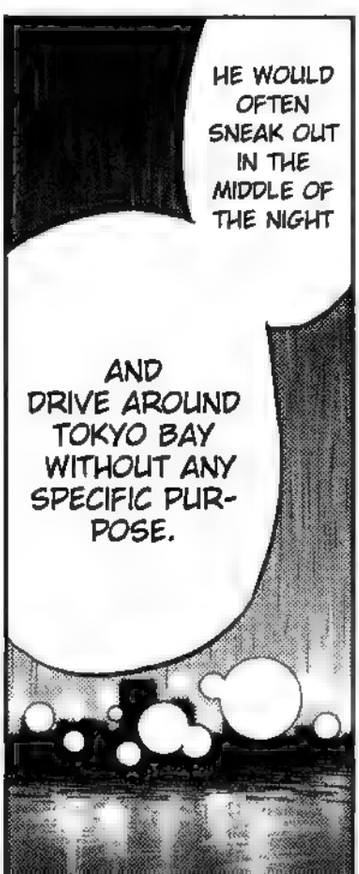
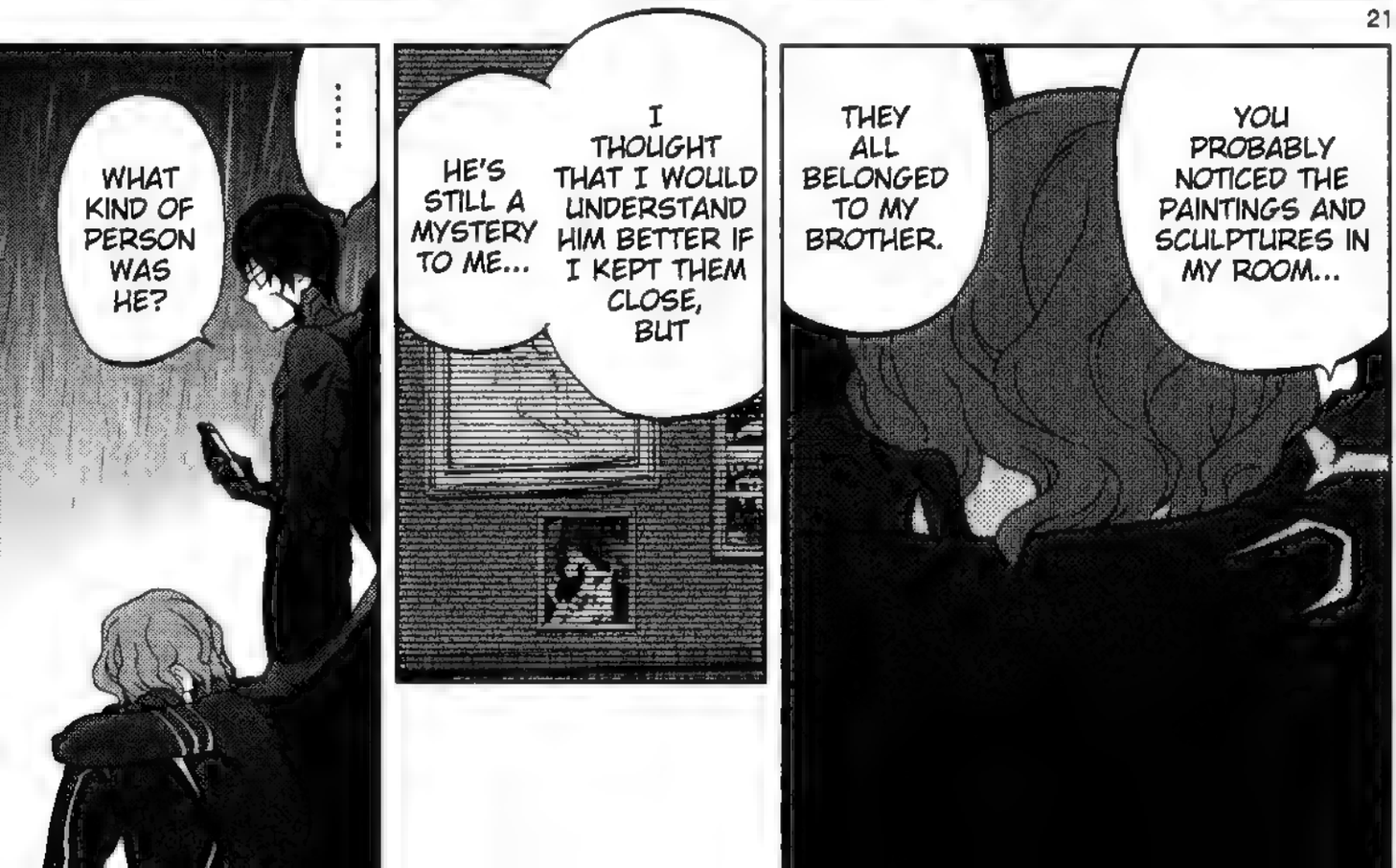
WOW, ACCORDING TO THE FORECAST IT'LL RAIN UNTIL THE AFTERNOON.
IT'S STILL RAINING...


HE WOULD OFTEN SNEAK OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT
AND DRIVE AROUND TOKYO BAY WITHOUT ANY SPECIFIC PURPOSE.

MY BROTHER...

I'M STARTING TO UNDERSTAND
WHY HE DID THAT.

I ALWAYS...
THOUGHT MY BROTHER WAS THE PERFECT HUMAN BEING...
GUESS I WAS WRONG.


YOU PROBABLY NOTICED THE PAINTINGS AND SCULPTURES IN MY ROOM...
THEY ALL BELONGED TO MY BROTHER.
I THOUGHT THAT I WOULD UNDERSTAND HIM BETTER IF I KEPT THEM CLOSE, BUT
HE'S STILL A MYSTERY TO ME...
WHAT KIND OF PERSON WAS HE?
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HE WAS VERY SKILLED WITH HIS FINGERS AND WAS ABLE TO MAKE ANYTHING HE WANTED.
HE HAD LOTS FRIENDS, WAS POPULAR WITH THE GIRLS AND HE WAS ALWAYS SURROUNDED BY PEOPLE...
A CHEERFUL PERSON, WHO LOVED TO ENTERTAIN THE PEOPLE AROUND HIM.
HEHE... HE WAS REALLY COOL.

HE WAS MY HERO.
MY BROTHER...
POPULAR, HUH...?

WHAT'S UP, REI?
CAN I WATCH YOU?
BROTHER.
BUT WHAT I LOVED MOST, WAS WATCHING HIM QUIETLY WORK ON A PAINTING.

MY BROTHER SAID THAT PAINTING ALLOWED HIM TO RELAX.
SURE.

JUST KEEP DOING IT AS A HOBBY.
HEY, RUI.
WHEN HE GRADUATED FROM UNIVERSITY AND HE HAD TO TAKE UP HIS POSITION AT OUR DAD'S FIRM, HE SUDDENLY SAID HE WANTED TO GO TO AN OVERSEAS ART SCHOOL AND GOT INTO AN ARGUMENT WITH MY DAD...
BUT IT WAS ONLY A HOBBY THEN.

JUST GET SERIOUS.
FOCUS ON REALITY...
JUST LIKE ME...
DON'T GET TOO SERIOUS ABOUT PAINTING.
SKILLS ALONE WON'T BRING YOU TO THE TOP, YOU DON'T HAVE WHAT IT TAKES.

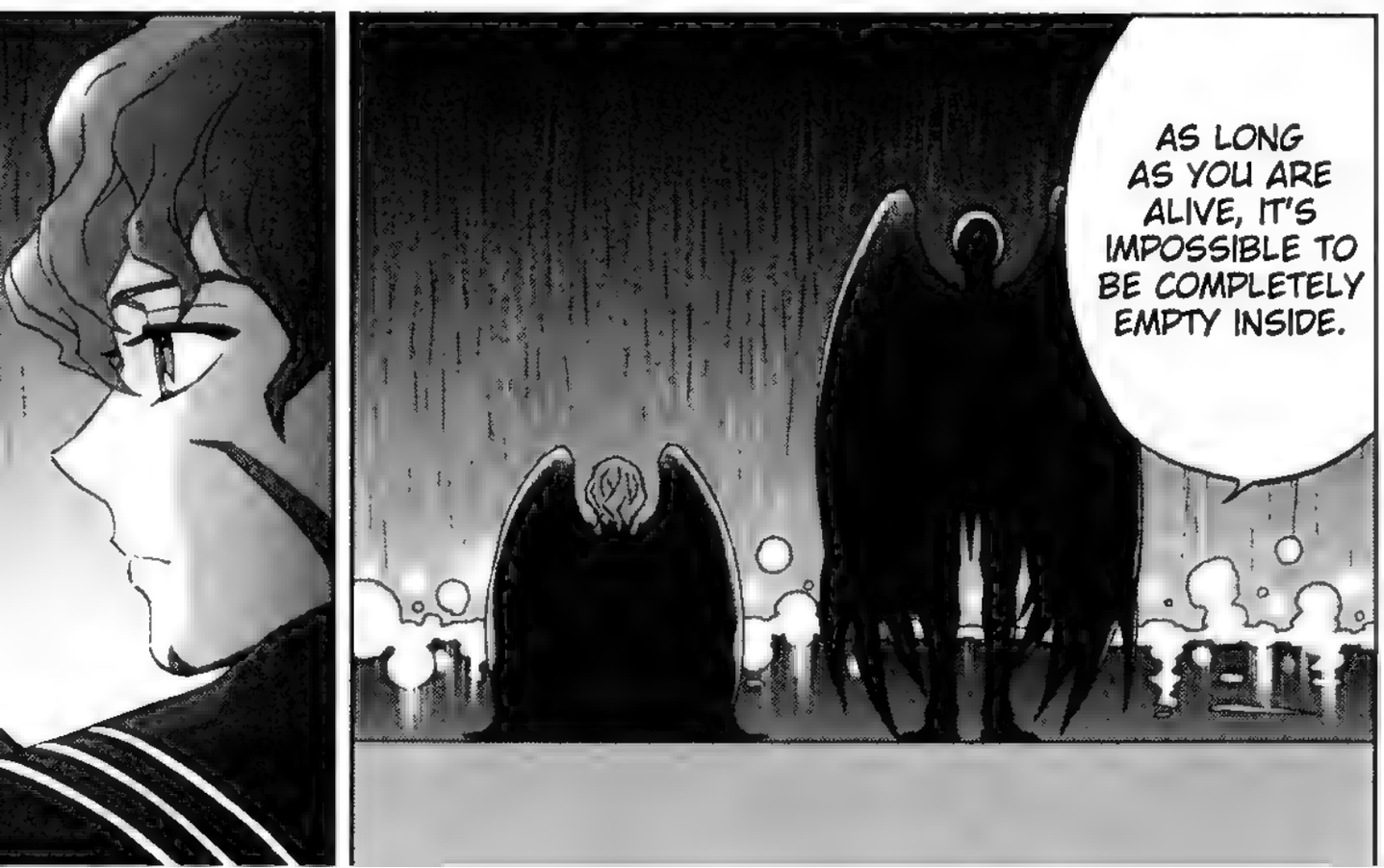
AH
BROTHER, YOU'RE BACK...
FUCK OFF, I'M JUST HERE TO GET SOME STUFF.

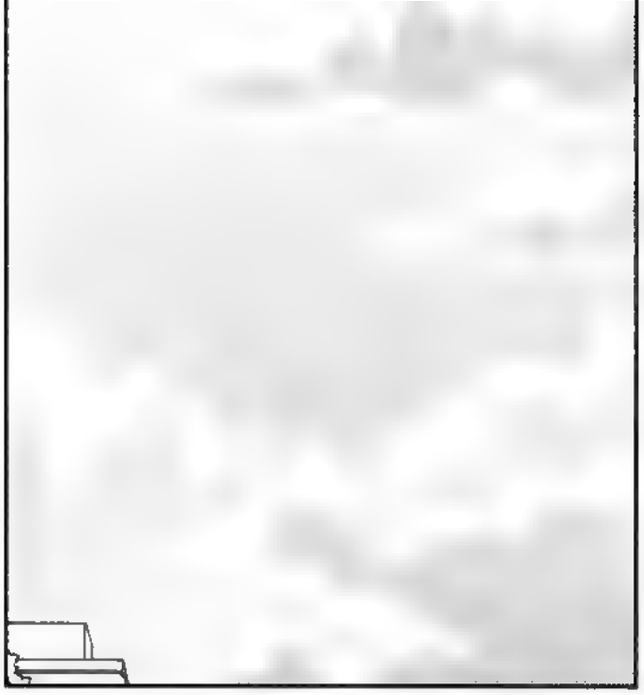
SOME-TIMES,
ONLY WHEN MY FATHER WASN'T AROUND, HE WOULD COME HOME, BUT HE ALWAYS LOOKED DEPRESSED...
AFTER THAT MY BROTHER LEFT OUR HOUSE.

YOU THINK EVERYONE WILL TREAT YOU NICE IF YOU SMILE AT THEM...
ALWAYS DARING TO GAUGE MY FEELINGS WITH THAT FOOLISH SMILE ON YOUR FACE...
I CAN'T BEAR THE SIGHT OF YOU.

THE TRUTH IS, I REALLY HATE YOU.

"I AM EMPTY INSIDE."
LIKE THAT...
LATER MY BROTHER TOOK HIS OWN LIFE.
IN HIS SUICIDE NOTE HE WROTE...
PPPPPP
I DON'T THINK THAT WAS TRUE.
LIKE A LUXURY PROBLEM...
AS I THOUGHT, TO ME IT SOUNDS


AS LONG AS YOU ARE ALIVE, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO BE COMPLETELY EMPTY INSIDE.



AH, OLD MAN?
GOT SOME TIME?

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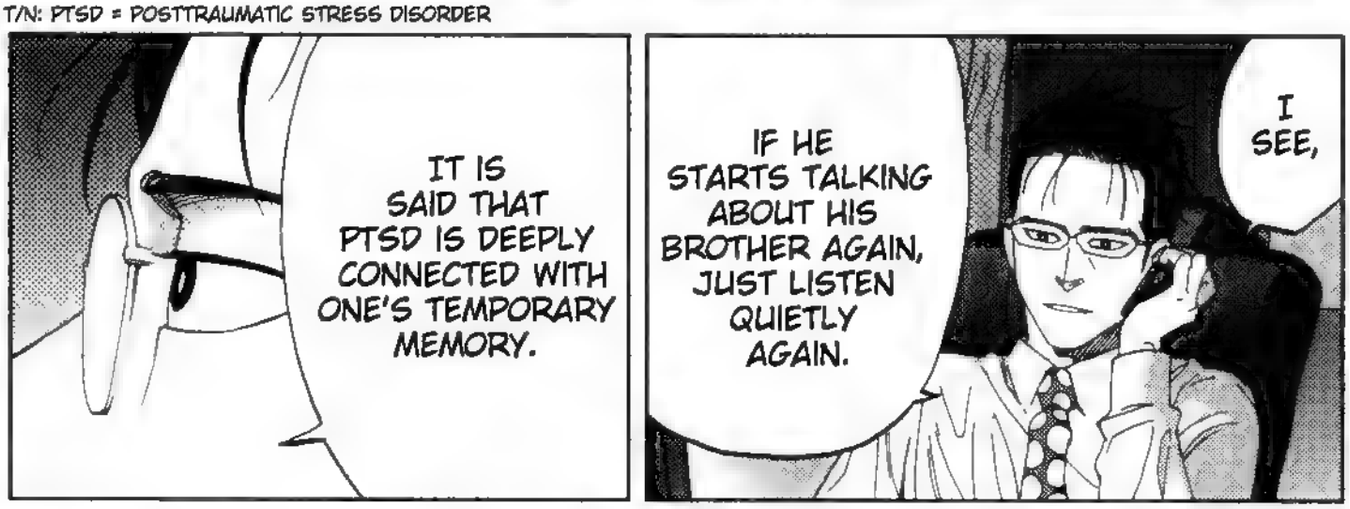
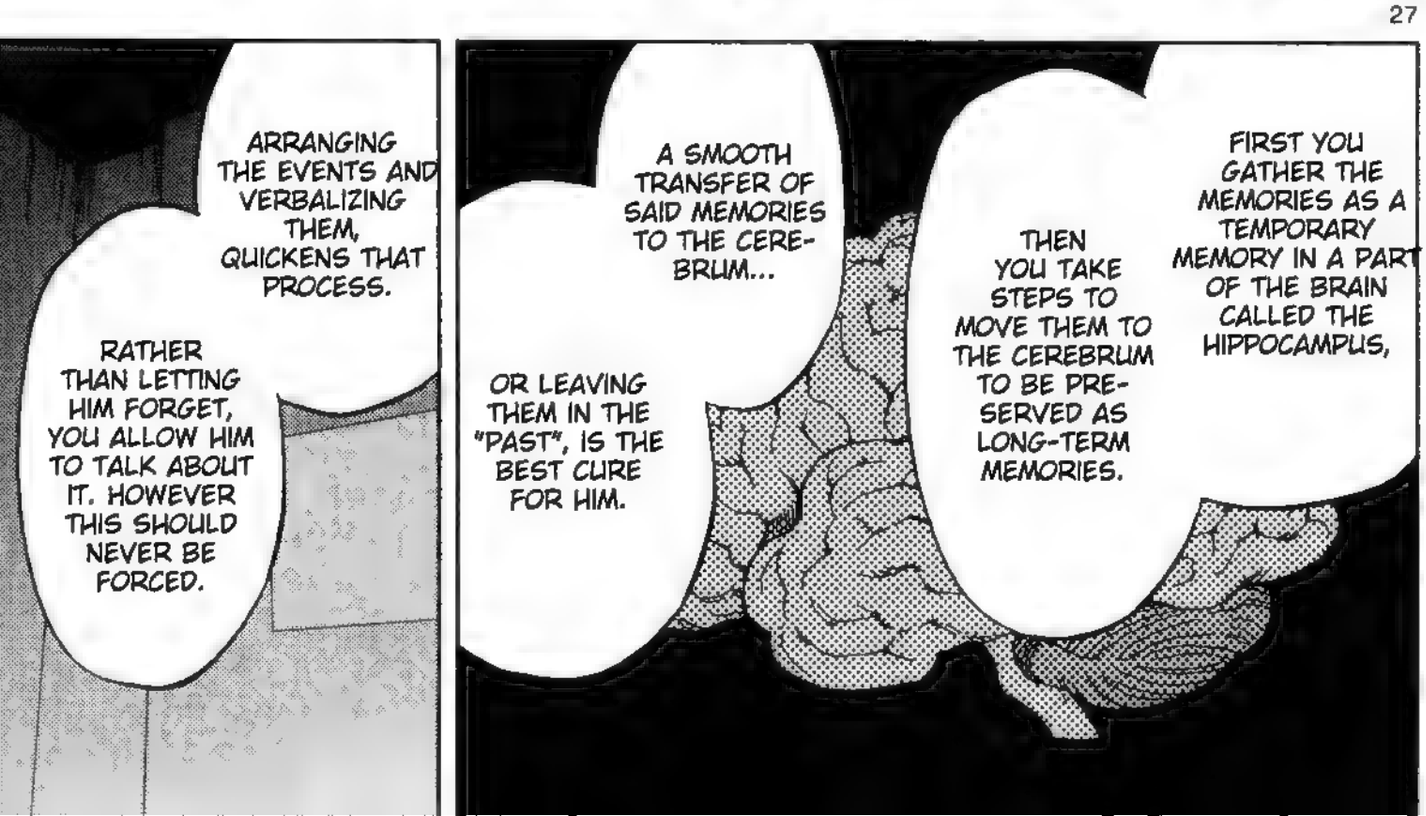
...I'M NOT SURE...
HE DIDN'T COME TO SCHOOL, BUT
I EXPECT HIM TO SHOW UP FOR OUR BIRD CLUB MEETING.

I GUESS SO...

I DID AS YOU SAID.
AFTER I GOT HIM TO LET OFF SOME STEAM AND CLEAR HIS HEAD, I WAITED FOR HIM TO START TALKING ON HIS OWN.
I MADE SURE NOT TO INTERRUPT HIM AND HAD HIM VERBALIZE THE SITUATION BETWEEN HIM AND HIS BROTHER TO SOME EXTENT.

T/N: PTSD = POSTTRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER


IT IS SAID THAT PTSD IS DEEPLY CONNECTED WITH ONE'S TEMPORARY MEMORY.
IF HE STARTS TALKING ABOUT HIS BROTHER AGAIN, JUST LISTEN QUIETLY AGAIN.
I SEE,


ARRANGING THE EVENTS AND VERBALIZING THEM, QUICKENS THAT PROCESS.
RATHER THAN LETTING HIM FORGET, YOU ALLOW HIM TO TALK ABOUT IT. HOWEVER THIS SHOULD NEVER BE FORCED.
A SMOOTH TRANSFER OF SAID MEMORIES TO THE CEREBRUM...
OR LEAVING THEM IN THE "PAST", IS THE BEST CURE FOR HIM.
THEN YOU TAKE STEPS TO MOVE THEM TO THE CEREBRUM TO BE PRESERVED AS LONG-TERM MEMORIES.
FIRST YOU GATHER THE MEMORIES AS A TEMPORARY MEMORY IN A PART OF THE BRAIN CALLED THE HIPPOCAMPUS,

BECAUSE, WHEN HE WAS IN THAT BUS ACCI-DENT
HE CHOSE TO LIVE.
BUT HE AND HIS BROTHER ARE DIFFERENT, RIGHT?
YEAH..
I'M GOING TO KAMODA'S PLACE NOW, BUT I'LL TELL THE OTHERS TOO.
AND... BECAUSE HIS BROTHER COMMITTED SUICIDE,
DON'T TRY TO SYMPATHIZE WITH HIS BROTHER TOO MUCH.

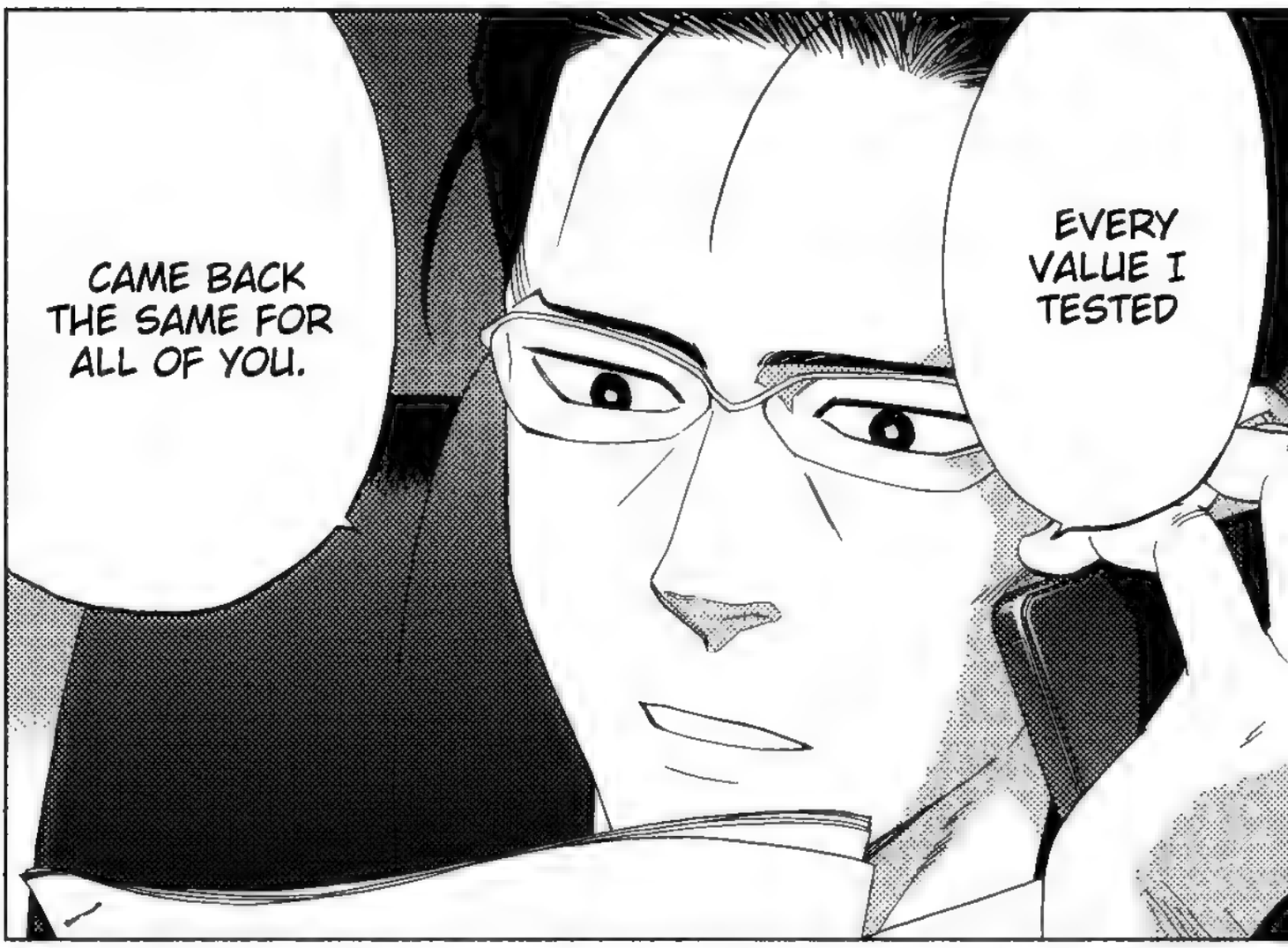
WELL, THAT...
.....
I SEE...
WELL, YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND HIM PRETTY WELL.

FOR HIM IT'S —
IT WORKED THIS TIME, BUT
HA?..
I WOULDN'T KNOW HOW TO HANDLE THIS KIND OF STUFF UNLESS I DO SOMETHING DECEITFUL.
IN THE END, I DON'T REALLY GET WHAT HE TOLD ME, I CAN'T SYMPATHIZE WITH HIM...
AND I DON'T UNDER-STAND OTHER PEOPLE
I'M NOT A KIND PERSON,
I DON'T.

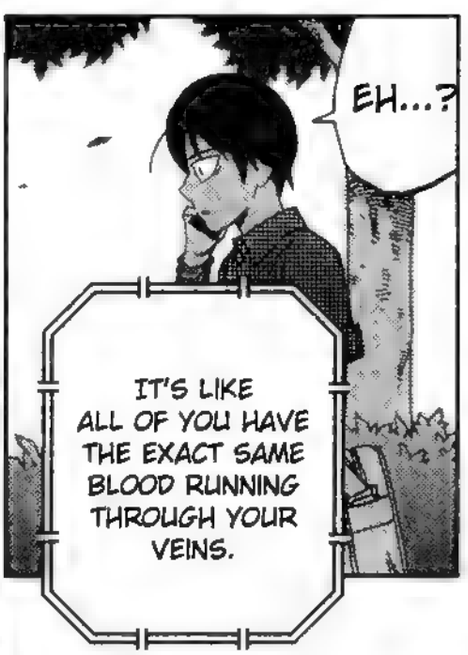
"I WANT TO HELP."
THAT'S WHAT YOU THOUGHT, RIGHT?

THAT'S RIGHT,
I GOT THE RESULTS OF YOUR BLOOD TESTS. YOUR HEMOGLOBIN LEVELS AND SUCH.
YOU DID EVERYTHING IN YOUR POWER.
I'M SURE HE UNDERSTOOD.
EVEN THOUGH YOU HAD TO DEPEND ON SOME ADULT YOU BARELY KNOW.

WHAT REALLY STANDS OUT IS THIS--
WELL... IN A SENSE, YOUR VALUES ARE COMPARABLE TO THOSE OF AN AVERAGE TOP ATHLETE, BUT

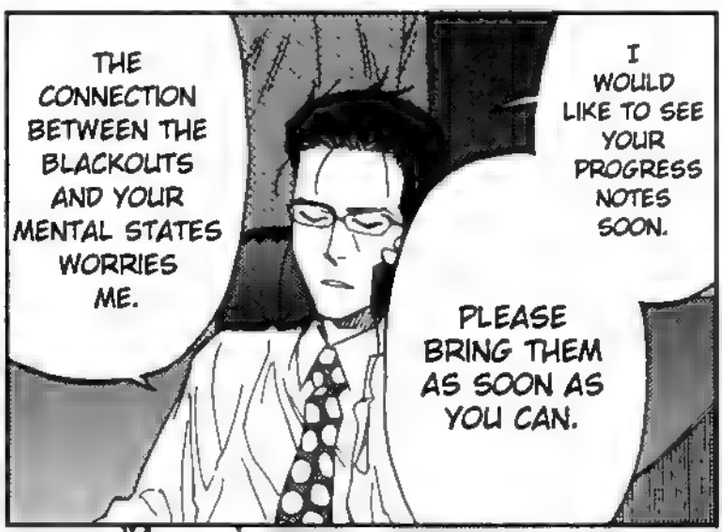

CAME BACK THE SAME FOR ALL OF YOU.
EVERY VALUE I TESTED

IT'S POSSIBLE THAT YOUR PHYSICAL CONDITIONS, AND MAYBE EVEN YOUR MENTAL STATES, ARE CONNECTED.
WELL, YOUR DNA ISN'T THE SAME OF COURSE, BUT
IF THAT'S THE CASE, EVERY THOUGHT AND ACTION TOWARDS ONE OF YOUR FRIENDS COULD HAVE A HUGE IMPACT OF THE GROUP.

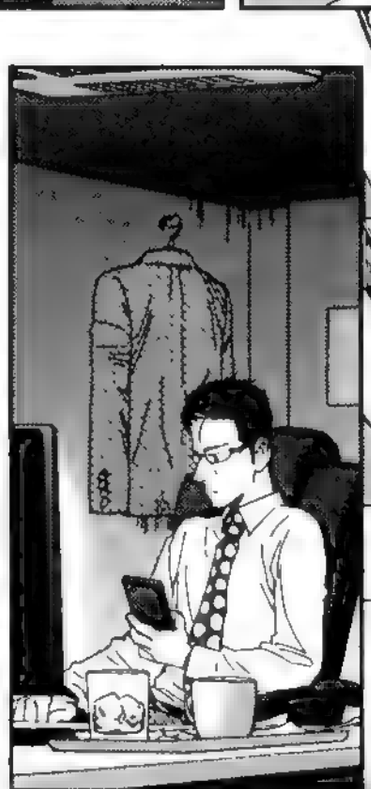

EH...?
IT'S LIKE ALL OF YOU HAVE THE EXACT SAME BLOOD RUNNING THROUGH YOUR VEINS.

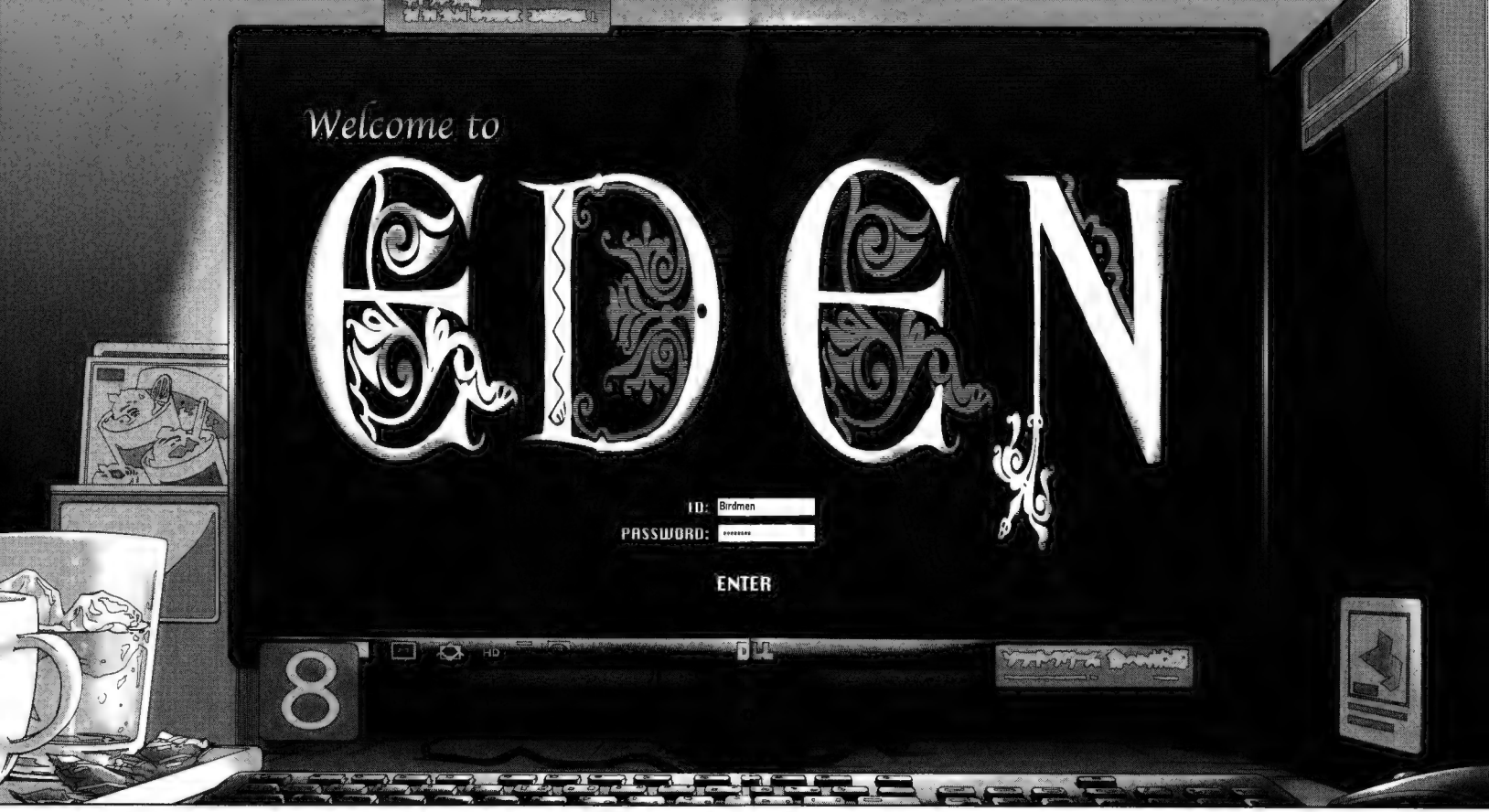
I'M STARTING TO BELIEVE IT TOO.
AS YOU SAID THAT ALL BIRDMEN ARE CONNECTED...

I UNDER-STAND.


THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE BLACKOUTS AND YOUR MENTAL STATES WORRIES ME.
I WOULD LIKE TO SEE YOUR PROGRESS NOTES SOON.
PLEASE BRING THEM AS SOON AS YOU CAN.

WELL THEN.

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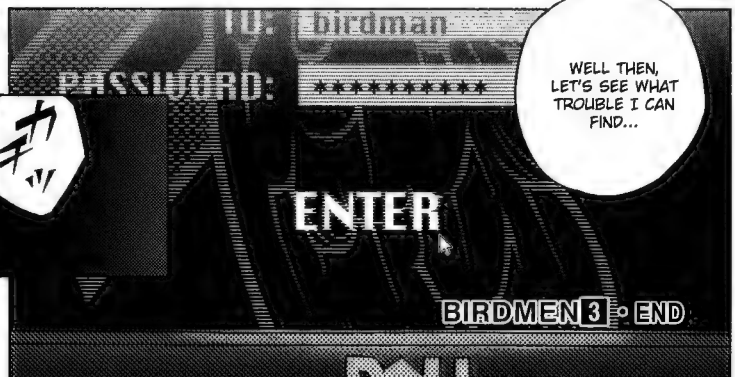
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BIRDMEN 3 - END
WELL THEN, LET'S SEE WHAT TROUBLE I CAN FIND...

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IT BRIGHTENS MY MOOD AND MAKES THIS BACK-ACHE AND THE NARROWNESS OF THIS NET CAFE BOOTH MEAN NOTHING...
TO HAVE HEARD THE SONG OF AN ANGEL JUST BEFORE TAKING THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS PARADISE...

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